MacCauley Foundation Scholarship

Application Deadline: February 1

The MacCauley Foundation scholarship offers up to $38,000 annually in scholarship funds that are awarded to qualified applicants. Seven individual scholarships may be awarded at the following monetary levels: $10,000, $7,500, $6,500, $5,000, $4,000, $3,000, and $2,500.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must have owned and/or raised Suffolk sheep.

2. Applicants must be enrolled as one of the following for the term in which the scholarship will be awarded:
   - A freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a junior/community college, four-year college/university, trade school or other accredited institution of higher education
   - An accredited graduate program

3. The applicant cannot have exceeded their 25th birthday prior to January 1 of the year of application.

4. If selected to receive a scholarship, the recipient will be required to verify their enrollment in an institution of higher education before the scholarship can be issued; a copy of the current semester tuition bill or a current Bursar's Office statement must be submitted. Failure to meet the enrollment requirements may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

5. Should the recipient fail to complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment in an accredited or approved institution of higher education prior to June 30, 2025, for any reason, scholarship funds must be refunded to the MacCauley Foundation Scholarship Fund.

6. Scholarship award winners will be eligible to reapply but can only be awarded a cumulative total of $15,000.

Application Requirements

1. The application must be accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation/reference. The letters of recommendation must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person making the recommendation as well as the person's relationship to the applicant (e.g., teacher, employer, minister, etc.).
   - Family members may not serve as references for the applicant.
   - References should indicate knowledge of the applicant's character and determination to pursue a post-secondary education.
   - All references must be submitted electronically with the application.
   - No exceptions to the reference letters requirement are allowed.

2. Each applicant must furnish a recent high-quality headshot photograph in a jpeg format. The photo should only include the applicant. These will be used for news releases.

Interview

Finalist(s) will be selected from the applications received and may have a phone interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Payment

All eligible young breeders are encouraged to apply. Funds will be paid directly to the winner's college or university and may be used for academic pursuits only.

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This scholarship shall not be given if qualified applicants are not available or if the application is not of sufficient quality to warrant this scholarship. Awards are based on participation, volunteerism, and academic achievement as determined from the application and letters of recommendation. This judgment is based solely on the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Application Submission

1. Applications must be submitted by the applicant, completed in full, accompanied by all required documentation, and submitted via email to info@suffolks.org. Only one submission will be accepted in a calendar year.

2. The entire application and supplemental documents must be submitted by February 1 no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. The auto-generated email inbox date and time will serve as the timestamp for all applications submitted via email.

3. All applicants will receive an email receipt confirming delivery of the Scholarship application. Scholarships will be announced by April 1.

MacCauley Foundation Scholarship Application

Biographical and Background Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email _____

Number of years active: UJSSA _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

Provide an introduction on your personal involvement with the Suffolk breed (how you got started with Suffolks, years of experience, flock size, daily responsibilities, and typical activities with the sheep throughout the year). (Not to exceed 200 words)

Section 1 – Academic Achievements – High School and/or College – 15 pts.

High School _____

High School GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) _____ Graduation (or anticipated) Date _____

Community College/Tech School _____

Community College/Tech School GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) _____ Graduation (or anticipated) Date _____

Academic Major(s) (or intended major): _____

Briefly describe your academic major/specialization: _____

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College/University _____

College GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) _____ Graduation (or anticipated) Date _____

Academic Major(s) (or intended major): _____

Briefly describe your academic major/specialization: _____

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School Organizations

FFA involvement to be included in section 2 only. Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.

Year(s)	Organization/Association	Offices, Committees, Honors, Awards, or Participation

Section 2 – FFA, 4-H, Other Agricultural & Civic Involvement – 20 pts.

4-H & FFA

Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.

Year(s)	Organization/Association	Offices, Committees, Honors, Awards, or Participation

Other Ag-Related Groups

(e.g., State Sheep Associations, Other Junior Livestock Breed Organizations, Grange, Jr. Fair Board) Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.

Year(s)	Organization/Association	Offices, Committees, Honors, Awards, or Participation

Church & Civic Groups (e.g., Youth Groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.): (Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.)

Year(s)	Organization/Association	Offices, Committees, Honors, Awards or Participation

Section 3 – Suffolk Leadership Activities and Involvement – 20 pts.

List Suffolk associations and organizations (e.g., UJSSA, State Associations) of which you are and/or were an active member. List leadership positions, committees, conferences attended (e.g., Suffolk Event, etc.) and duties performed in these leadership roles. Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.

Year(s)	Organization/Association	Offices, Committees, Participation and Duties

List your involvement and participation in Suffolk-related competitive contests (e.g., showmanship, exhibition of Suffolk sheep, honors, awards, achievements, placings, etc.) at the national, regional, state, and local levels. Rank in order of most meaningful to you first.

Year(s)	Activity and/or Contest	Honors, Awards, Achievements and Placings

Section 4 – Suffolk Experiences and Knowledge – 20 pts.

Describe, in detail, your experience, involvement, or responsibilities with your Suffolk flock (production, breeding program, marketing, and judging). (Minimum of 200 words but not to exceed 500 words)

Describe what you see as the future of the Suffolk breed in the sheep industry. (Minimum of 200 words but not to exceed 500 words)

Section 5 – Leadership and Future Plans – 25 pts.

Describe your ambitions, goals, and industry leadership potential. How will you promote, advocate, and support the Suffolk breed and the sheep industry in your future plans? (Minimum of 200 words but not to exceed 750 words)