

# Lester Priest Winfield FFA Scholarship Application

This scholarship has been established in the memory of Lester Priest.

Lester Priest was a lifelong resident of Cowley County. He was actively involved in production agriculture and many agriculture organizations throughout his life.

Mr. Priest was an active member in the Winfield FFA Chapter. He held various officer positions. Mr. Priest was FFA President his senior year (1966-67). He earned the State Farmer and the American Farmer Degrees.

After graduation, Mr. Priest continued his leadership roles. At various times throughout his life, he was on the Cowley County Extension Council, Hackney Coop Board, Valley Coop Board, Beaver Township Board, Cowley County Soil Conservation Board and the USD 465 Winfield School Board. He received awards for his farming efforts with the FFA and Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. Priest had a life-long passion for farming and irrigating and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. Throughout Mr. Priest's life, he always stated how important the FFA was to him in his life, and how proud he was of the organization's ability to provide leadership skills to young people.

Because Mr. Priest demonstrated such high standards of excellence and leadership, the selection committee will look for these same qualities in all applicants. FFA Chapter, District, and State as well as community involvement and leadership activities will all be considered. In addition, preference may be given to decedents of Mr. Priest and/or chapter member's involved in a production agriculture SAE or pursuing a production agriculture career.

This \$500 annual scholarship will be awarded to a Winfield High School senior in the spring and is payable just before the start of the college freshman fall semester. Before the scholarship is awarded, the student must show proof of enrollment in the school of his or her choice. The scholarship is for one year only.

The selection committee may request a personal interview with any applicant.

Return completed applications to the Winfield High School Guidance Office.

The Scholarship deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The recipient of the Scholarship will be announced at the annual FFA Chapter banquet.

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## **Personal Information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Names of your parents or guardians:

**Education:**

Year of high school graduation:

GPA:

The name of the college or technical school you plan to attend next fall:

The field of study have you chosen:

**Additional Information:**

List all FFA offices/activities you have held or participated in:

List any extracurricular school activities:

List any community organizations you have served in (offices held, awards, community volunteer service, etc.):

List work experience:

List any additional information or life experiences that you feel are relevant and could assist the selection committee with their decision:

If you have an SAE in production agriculture, please describe it here:

List three personal references. Please give name and phone number:

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This application has been reviewed and the statements contained herein are true. I hereby authorize any educational institutions or employers listed to release all information and records in its possession, pertaining to my attendance and performance at such institutions.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: