

MIGRANT FARMWOKER BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP: *GUIDELINES*

Purpose

To provide financial support to a deserving student with a history of migrating for employment in agriculture who has successfully completed one year of college. This support, up to a possible \$20,000.00, will cover expenses beyond what the youth has been able to procure in federal/state and other scholarship assistance. This scholarship is designed to assist the youth in obtaining a baccalaureate degree without being encumbered by substantial debt. The Weston T. Hyde Educational Foundation administers this scholarship to offer financial assistance to migrant students who want to further their education.

Award Details

Half of the \$20,000 award will be dispersed over multiple years to support completion of the baccalaureate degree. Payments are made on a semester basis, after verification is received that the awardee is continuing forward with their education. Upon graduation with a baccalaureate degree, the recipient is then eligible for the remainder of the award to be used for paying down any student loans incurred.

Eligibility

- Recent history of movement for agricultural employment
- Scholastic achievement
- Financial need
- Successful completion of at least two full-time semesters (and no more than three) at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Registered for classes and on track to graduate with a baccalaureate degree

Scholarship Application Requirements

All items listed below must be submitted by email or sent by mail (**postmarked**) by **July 1, 2026**.

1. **Completed Application Form:** Pages 2-5 of this document.
2. **Three letters of recommendation** from three (3) different adults are required. Please have each reference person write a letter addressing the student's character, educational commitment, achievements, grades, etc., and supporting the need for financial assistance.
 - **Note:** At least one of the references must be from a school, community, or educational agency representative with a personal knowledge of the applicant's character and commitment to obtaining a baccalaureate degree. **Note:** Reference letters may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as legal guardian.
3. **A personal essay** of at least 500 words about the applicant's background, career and personal goals, plan for obtaining a baccalaureate degree, and indicating why he/she should receive this assistance.
4. **A copy of the applicant's college transcript** showing the most recent grades obtained.
5. **Financial need documentation** such as a copy of the most recent income tax return of the applicant or parents, a copy of school financial aid form, or loan documentation.
6. **Proof of Migrant Education Eligibility** in the form of a letter from the applicant's former Migrant Education Program's Director verifying eligibility for migrant services during high school. The letter should include the most recent qualifying arrival date (QAD). In lieu of a letter, please submit the Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility.

This scholarship is made available through a generous endowment from a concerned individual for the education of children of migrant farmworkers. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MIGRANT FARMWORKER BACCALUAREATE SCHOLARSHIP

Submit items by Email: Send to maryanne.diaz@oneonta.edu

Files sent via email must follow [NYS Migrant Education Program \(NYS-MEP\) guidelines for secure transfer of personal information.](#)

Submit items through the Mail: Send to Mary Anne Diaz, 3361 Whitney Road, Cincinnatus, NY 13040

For Questions: Email Paul Gugel at paulgugel1@gmail.com

MIGRANT FARMWORKER BACCALAUREATE APPLICATION: PART 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

List all financial assistance approved and/or anticipated for the upcoming academic year including assistance from scholarships, grants, work-study, PELL, loans, TAP, parents, etc. Please itemize as specifically as possible.

Type	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Anticipated expenses for the upcoming academic year

Tuition: _____

Books: _____

Housing: _____

Meals: _____

Transportation: _____

Other (please specify): _____

FAMILY INCOME

Check the box for your total family income.

- 0 - \$25,000 \$25,001 - \$35,000 \$35,001 - \$45,000 \$45,001 - \$55,000 \$55,001 +

CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING FAMILY FINANCES

Names, ages, and relationship of family members still living at home: _____

Any special circumstances/issues that affect family finances: _____

MIGRANT FARMWORKER BACCALAUREATE APPLICATION: PART 3 REFERENCES

IDENTIFY REFERENCES

Provide information about the three adults asked to write reference letters. Each person must have at least one phone number listed.

#1: _____
Last Name First Name Daytime Phone

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Relationship to Applicant Email Address

#2: _____
Last Name First Name Daytime Phone

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Relationship to Applicant Email Address

#3: _____
Last Name First Name Daytime Phone

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Relationship to Applicant Email Address

Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship: Guidelines and Application Form

APPLICANT AGREES to the use of his/her name, likeness, personal essay and information contained in this application for educational, advertising and promotional purposes for the Migrant Farmworker Baccalaureate Scholarship and migrant education programs without further compensation or notification.

The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by the following signature.

Applicant's Signature

Date signed

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

All items be submitted by email or sent by mail (postmarked) by July 1, 2026.

- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal essay
- A copy of the applicant's college transcript
- Financial need documentation
- Proof of Migrant Education Eligibility
- This application form completed and signed

This scholarship is made available through a generous endowment from a concerned individual for the education of children of migrant farmworkers. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MIGRANT FARMWORKER BACCALUAREATE SCHOLARSHIP

Submit items by Email: Send to maryanne.diaz@oneonta.edu

Files sent via email must follow [NYS Migrant Education Program \(NYS-MEP\) guidelines for secure transfer of personal information.](#)

Submit items through the Mail: Send to Mary Anne Diaz, 3361 Whitney Road, Cincinnatus, NY 13040

For Questions: Email Paul Gugel at paulgugel1@gmail.com