

# **The David Holsten Agriculture & Construction Scholarships**

David Holsten worked construction and was a farmer his entire life. He could not only build a house, but he was an amazing woodworker. Farming was one of his favorite “hobbies.” Everyone that knew David loved him. Unfortunately, he lost his 8 ½ year long battle with cancer on January 9, 2022. David would do anything for anyone in a time of need, so to honor him, we are dedicating two scholarships in his memory.

The David Holsten Agriculture & Construction Scholarships will be awarded to two graduating seniors that are pursuing a career in agriculture or construction. David never went to college, but still managed to work in construction for over 40 years and owned his own business for 30 years. He owned and operated his beef cattle farm with his wife for 40 years. David always believed in working hard for what you had in life and always helping a neighbor in need.

These scholarships are a one-time award to two graduating seniors from Russellville High School. We are awarding one \$500 scholarship to a senior pursuing a career in agriculture and one \$500 scholarship to a senior pursuing a career in construction. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient by the end of August. The recipients must show dedication to their chosen career path and have a grade point average of 2.5 or above. The recipients can be attending a four year college, a trade school, or going straight into the workforce. Please complete the following form and return the packet to the counselor or email it to Yvonne Holsten at [yholsten@yahoo.com](mailto:yholsten@yahoo.com) or Yolanda Fisher at [rhattwadedane3@gmail.com](mailto:rhattwadedane3@gmail.com) by April 12, 2024. We will announce the winner in time for graduation in May.

Feel free to email Yolanda for an electronic copy of the form. Thank you to all who apply and for giving us the opportunity to assist you on your journey. We realize that \$500 is a small amount in the large scheme of expenses, but it can help to purchase books, computers, tools, or even animals.

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Please circle which Scholarship you are applying for:

**Agriculture**

**Construction**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

***To Be Completed by the High School Counselor:***

**Grade Point Average** (please include a copy of student's transcript): \_\_\_\_\_

**ACT Score** (if taken): \_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Please attach a list of activities, awards, or any community service.
- Please write a paragraph telling us about yourself and your plans for the future. Please include why you are wanting to go into the agriculture or construction field. Please include whether you are attending a college/university, trade school or going into the workforce after graduation.
  - If you are going into the workforce, please attach a reference letter from your future employer. If you are going to be working on a family farm or with a family company, they **are** allowed to write your reference letter.
- Please attach two letters of reference, **ALL** from outside of school (not teachers or family), to this application.

***Application is due by April 12, 2024***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date