



# 2nd Annual Farm-City Week

## "Why Buy Local Food?"

### 2008 Essay Scholarship Contest

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Deadline for  
entries is  
October 15,  
2008

#### PURPOSE

The Farm City Week Essay Scholarship provides academic scholarships to North Carolina students seeking educational opportunities beyond high school & educates individuals about the necessity of agriculture to the health of our citizens & the economy. Scholarship awards are based on the following criteria & requirements:

1. Senior in secondary education. Students may be enrolled in private, public or home school.
2. Attend school in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender County, NC.
3. Write & submit an essay on the provided topic.
4. Acceptance into an accredited two- or four-year college or university
5. Pursuit of a degree in an agricultural field of study is NOT required.
6. Winners will attend the Farm City Week luncheon on November 18, 2008 at the Coast Line Convention Center, downtown Wilmington for recognition of award.

#### AWARD

In support of this essay contest, area Farm Bureaus will award a total of \$4,500 in scholarships at the following levels:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$2,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$1,500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$1,000

Awards will be issued directly to the winner's educational institution & may be used toward the payment of tuition, fees, or books.

#### SELECTION PROCESS

Three judges will review the essays, with one judge each from Brunswick, New Hanover & Pender counties. One winner will be chosen from each of the counties. The judges will give equal consideration to all applicants who fulfill the contest requirements for a portion of the awards. Decisions of the committee are final. All essays become the property of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service & North Carolina Farm Bureau. Essay scholarship materials must be electronically mailed by October 15, 2008 to Al Hight at [al\\_hight@ncsu.edu](mailto:al_hight@ncsu.edu). Essays on disks or CDs may be mailed to: NCCES-Brunswick County Center, Attn: Al Hight, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, NC 28422. Postmarked date must be no later than October 15, 2008.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. A cover document with the following information must be included with the completed essay:
  - a. Name, address, & phone number(s)
  - b. Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s)
  - c. Current status as a student & expected graduation date
  - d. Name, address, & phone number of current school
  - e. List of colleges already applied or planning to apply
  - f. If already accepted & you have notified a college of your intent to attend, provide name & location (city, state) of this college & the department of your field of study.
  - g. Biographical Information (info that can be submitted to local media outlets) e.g. the name(s) of parents or guardians, a photograph suitable for publication, &/or other information

*Publication is at the discretion of the media outlet staff.*

2. The essay must be double-spaced with one-inch margins in a readable 12-point font. Remember that this is an essay; not a research paper. It should be interesting as well as informative. Length should not exceed 1,000 words on:

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