

LINWOOD SINGLETARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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Linwood M. Singletary was a lifelong resident of Robeson County and devoted his entire career to agriculture. He grew up on the family farm which was located in the Back Swamp community of Robeson County. He attended college at North Carolina State College, after which he returned home to pursue his love of agriculture by operating the family farm.

Mr. Singletary was intrigued by the complexity of the total agricultural system including intensive management of his farm operation, marketing of commodities that were produced, and the need to manage all aspects of his businesses very closely. He established and operated Carolina Grain Company in Lumberton in 1946 during which time he continued to actively manage his diversified farm operation. He experimented with the production of feedlot cattle, a concept that was not readily accepted in the southeast, and at one time had over 4,000 head of cattle on feedlots on his farm. He was recognized at that time as the largest cattle producer east of the Mississippi River. To more efficiently use the grain that was produced on his farm, he established one of the first total confinement farrow-to-finish swine operations in the county and was recognized throughout the southeast as the leader in genetic selection and facility mechanization.

After selling his grain elevator in 1972 he began to devote his full attention to crop production. Using the knowledge and skills he had developed, he began to prove that the production of corn, soybeans, and wheat could be profitable for farmers in the southeast. He was watched closely by other farmers in the county, and they began to copy many of the production practices he used. He excelled in production and many years was the top producer in local, state, and national yield contests. In 1986 he achieved the highest yields in the county for each of the major crops he produced--corn, soybeans, and wheat. In 1988 he achieved the highest official wheat yield ever recorded in North Carolina of 122 bushels per acre, and this record stood until the year of his death.

Linwood Singletary passed away in August of 1992. In order to properly show their respect to one of the finest farmers this county has ever produced, the agribusinessmen of Robeson County, as members of the Robeson County Crop Promotion Association, established the Linwood Singletary Memorial Scholarship. It is their hopes that deserving young students with a strong desire to pursue a career in agriculture will use this opportunity to continue the lifelong education process, and in doing so will follow Mr. Singletary's example of devotion to agriculture, integrity in all that they do, and concern for their peers.

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1. This scholarship is provided by the Robeson County Crop Promotion Association as a fitting memorial to Linwood M. Singletary and to show their respect to his family.
2. The initial amount of this scholarship is \$1,000. This amount can vary from year to year depending upon funds available from the Robeson County Crop Promotion Association.
3. This scholarship will be made available to a student who is a resident of Robeson County. This student must exhibit a sincere desire to pursue an agricultural-related career, not necessarily a career in agricultural production.
4. The student must use these funds to attend a North Carolina institute of higher learning, but not restricted to the land-grant colleges. This institution may be a community college, a junior college, or a four-year college or university.
5. Applications for this scholarship will be available from the Robeson County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. Selection of the recipient of this scholarship will be made by a committee appointed by the president of the Robeson County Crop Promotion Association serving during the year of consideration.
6. Applications for this scholarship will be made available each year in April of the year for consideration.
7. The deadline for applications will be June 15. To be considered these applications must be delivered personally to the Extension Service at the O. P. Owens Agriculture Center on Highway 72 west of Lumberton or may be mailed with a postmark no later than June 15.
8. The recipient of this scholarship will be notified by July 15 in order that proper plans can be made for enrollment and remittance of college fees.
9. Upon submission of proper evidence that the student has been accepted into the institution of their choice, an initial check of \$500 made payable to the recipient will be provided.
10. Upon satisfactory completion of the first semester or quarter, and with proper evidence that the student is properly enrolled for the second semester or quarter, a final check of \$500 made payable to the recipient will be provided.
11. This scholarship is provided on an annual basis. This does not prevent a previous recipient from reapplying for this scholarship in succeeding years.

**APPLICATION**

**LINWOOD SINGLETARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (COMPLETE ENTIRE APPLICATION)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first, middle, last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names--Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Occupation--Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

School you are currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you plan to pursue (B.S., B.A., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant and Parent:

We certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this scholarship application to:

Robeson County Center of the  
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service  
P. O. Box 2280  
Lumberton, NC 28359-2280

DEADLINE ----- JUNE 15

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Teacher's Statement (To be completed by teacher or guidance counselor). Please use this space to give an evaluation of the applicant's program in high school and dedication as a student. In addition, please indicate special circumstances, such as financial need, which should be considered.

Rank in high school graduating class: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students

OR Current Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_

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To Be Completed By Student:

Work Experience

Describe your past work experience including both farm and non-farm employment and activities.

Current Year \_\_\_\_\_

Last year \_\_\_\_\_

Year Before Last \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Activities

List leadership activities in which you have been involved and the level of participation in each. Should include offices held, committee assignments, awards, contests, et cetera. May include class offices, club offices, extracurricular activities, community activities, or church activities.

Activity	Year	Level of Participation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Student Statements

In the space below provide your assessment of the importance of agriculture to our local economy and your feelings as to the future of agricultural producers in our nation. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

In the space below, provide your assessment of the role of American agriculture and the American agricultural producer in an international marketplace. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

In the space below, explain why you would like to pursue a career in an agricultural-related field and what you would like to do when you finish your formal education. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)