



Celebrate H.A.R.V.E.S.T. 2023/24 Continuing Education Awards Program

Under the Program, two individuals interested in pursuing any aspect that is related/pertinent to the agritourism/agritainment industry will be awarded \$1,500 each in June of 2024 (application deadline is April 30th, 2024 and the announcement of winners made in June 2024). There are many aspects – finance, marketing, promotions, food, construction, agriculture, events planning, etc. – that are used in the agritourism/agritainment industry. Of course, we would prefer those seeking this continuing education opportunity have a love and/or passion for agriculture in particular, but it is not THE determining factor in our decisions for who receives them, only one factor. Our 3-person board of directors reviews all applications and determines the award winners. In its first two years of the program, Celebrate HARVEST has awarded \$9,000 to six individuals to pursue continuing education (either at farm conferences or colleges) in the field of agritainment.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking graduating seniors or individuals currently working in or at an agritainment venue that want to pursue some aspect of agritourism/agritainment, aka experiential farming.
- Applicants must plan on attending a two (2)-year community college, four (4)-year college or university OR be an individual who is currently working at an agritainment venue that would like to pursue more education and/or training toward an aspect of the industry by either attending college, attending a farm conference or interning at another agritainment venue.
- Winners to be announced in June 2024. Funds to be paid during the month of **June 2024 —directly to the college or agritainment venue**, not the recipient. The funds will be issued to the college or university upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address. If it's to an individual headed to another agritainment venue for a "hands-on" internship, the funds will be awarded directly to the winner to help pay for travel and accommodations to farm venue hosting the recipient. Funds provided upon proof from host venue that they will be interning the winner.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor or venue employer on their application attesting they are qualified for this continuing education award program.
- Applications must be received by Celebrate HARVEST no later than **April 30th, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

Mail one copy of a 1-page letter describing why you believe you should receive the continuing education award AND completed and typed application package to:

Celebrate H.A.R.V.E.S.T.

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www.CelebrateHarvest.com

info@celebrateharvest.com

11709 250th Ave E

Buckley, WA 98321

253.377.3574



CH Continuing Education Awards Committee c/o Celebrate HARVEST
 11709 250th Ave E
 Buckley, WA 98321

Your package must include:

1. Application with sign off by Guidance Counselor/Employer
2. Essay/Letter describing why you should be a continuing education award recipient
3. Letter of recommendation

CELEBRATE H.A.R.V.E.S.T. 2024 CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATION

Please type your answers. <i>Use an additional piece of paper if necessary</i>	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name, Middle Initial: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime telephone number: () _____ Email address: _____
4.	Date of birth: Month Day Year
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)
6.	Name and location of high school/agritainment venue you work for:
7.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your responsibilities at the agritainment venue for which you work: C. List any non-school/non-farming sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

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8.	Anticipated field of study:
9.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:
10.	On a separate paper, please write an essay (no more than 2 pages) addressing the following: Explain why you want this continuing education award, and what particular area of study/expertise you would want to use it for within the agritainment industry. Also, describe your experience with agritainment and what it is you like about experiential farming.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent, that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Celebrate HARVEST Scholarship Program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a recipient of the Celebrate HARVEST Continuing Education Award, it is my responsibility to submit to the Celebrate HARVEST scholarship committee, no later than August 1st, a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address OR proof from the agritainment venue's owner that they will be interning on premises for educational purposes.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of awarded applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and support submission of this application to Celebrate HARVEST Continuing Education Award Program.

Name of Guidance Counselor/Agritainment venue owner: _____

High School/Agritainment venue: _____

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Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor/Agritainment venue owner: _____ Date: _____

Checklist:

- Application
- Essay on separate sheet of paper
- Guidance Counselor signature
- One letter of recommendation

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO Celebrate HARVEST AT:
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c/o Celebrate HARVEST
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Buckley, WA 98321

REMINDER:
Applications must be received by the Celebrate HARVEST Continuing Education Award Committee
no later than April 30th, 2024. There will be no exceptions!

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