

The Beth and Owen Pool Memorial Scholarship

The Beth and Owen Pool Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the memory of Beth Pool and later to honor Owen Pool in 2023. Beth and Owen were dairy farmers and agricultural advocates from Gloucester County. They owned and operated Sebowisha Farms, a dairy farm where they milked Holsteins and raised their own crops. Beth's passion for the agricultural industry was evident when she gave farm tours for school children to learn and experience the world of agriculture. Owen traveled throughout New Jersey to attend meetings for the betterment of agriculture.

Aside from her hard work on the farm, Beth dedicated her time to serving others. She served on the New Jersey Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee (NJFBWLC) for 30 years, serving in various capacity including 1st chair. For 10 years, she represented the Northeast serving on the American Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Committee. Beth also participated in many school programs through the Ag Education Committee of NJFBWLC. Beth served as a 4-H Leader in Gloucester County, teaching children how to cook and sew and was a member of the Gloucester County 4-H Fair Association, most notably running the food concession stand that served thousands of people during the Fair.

Owen was always involved in agriculture. He bought his first group of cows immediately after graduation to establish the dairy farm. Owen became very involved in agricultural organizations. He was a former treasurer and director of New Jersey Farm Bureau, president of Farmers Brokerage & Supply, and a delegate for Land O Lakes Co-op. He was also president of Gloucester County 4-H Fair Association for over 20 years. Owen was proud to have served as NJ State FFA president.

Any high school senior who has participated in New Jersey 4-H or FFA, and is interested in pursuing a career in agriculture, is eligible for this \$1000 Scholarship. Students interested must submit the completed application along with an essay on how agriculture "feeds your soul" and a letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. The application, essay and letter are due by April 1st. The Scholarship winner will be selected and notified by April 30th. This scholarship is being offered through New Jersey Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. Please email your application, letter of reference and essay to Melanie Richman at maerichman1289@gmail.com by April 1st.

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Application

Name of Applicant _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address _____

Street

Town/City

State

Zip Code

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

High School you attend _____

Most current GPA _____

Please list your 4-H and FFA involvement. Include club, chapter, committees, and leadership.

Please list other agricultural activities and committees.

Please list other activities at school, work, and in the community (not listed above).

Please list Awards/ Recognition you have received.

Educational Plans

What name (or type) of school do you plan to attend? _____

Proposed major _____

Future career plans? _____

Please list any unusual circumstances you feel should be taken into consideration

(siblings in college, medical expenses.....)

Essay

On an attached sheet, please explain why you feel agriculture feeds the soul and why that is important to you.

Reference

Please have your FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader write a letter of recommendation and attach it to the application.

