

Harry M. Vale Memorial Scholarship



Mr. Harry M. Vale taught Vocational Agriculture at Durand High School from 1955 to 1970. Through those years his students had numerous wins in crop and animal judging and also a state championship in Public Speaking. In 1962, the Farm Bureau recognized the Durand FFA Chapter as having the best cooperative in the State of Illinois. This is only a small slice of the influence he had on the students in his agriculture programs along with others in the agriculture community. A special greeting from Harry to his former students was “Back to the mines, boys!”

After Harry passed in January of 2020, the Durand FFA Alumni & Supporters decided to start the Harry M. Vale Memorial Scholarship. When reaching out to the Vale Family for permission, they also decided to participate in the scholarship. We were blessed to have the Vale Family donate part of Harry’s memorial donations to fund this scholarship for many years to come.

Purpose:

Provide a one-time \$500 scholarship to be used for education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, etc. Applicants will need to provide proof of acceptance letter from school and a copy of 1st semester registered courses by September 15th.

Criteria:

A graduating Durand High School senior with a minimum of 2.50% GPA. Must be a good-standing member of the Durand FFA (see page 2) pursuing a degree in the agricultural industry at a trade school, community college, or 4-year university. A minimum of 3 years of active FFA membership is required to apply for this scholarship.

Deadline:

Applications must be returned to Mrs. Backeberg by March 21, 2025.

Harry M. Vale Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

College, Trade School, etc.: _____

Intended Major: _____

High School GPA: _____

FFA Requirements for application - please list each from throughout your membership	
Years of FFA Membership	
2 CDEs	
1 LDE	
3 Chapter Meetings	
1 Act of volunteerism within the FFA	

Please type your responses to all of the following questions in part 1 and the part 2 essay questions to submit with your application.

Part 1:

1. Describe your involvement in High School activities, community, volunteer work, honors, and offices held and the number of years for each.
2. Describe your involvement in FFA activities and the number of years for each.
3. Describe your career and personal goals for your future.

Part 2:

Type a unique response with proper grammar and spelling, use between 300 to 750 words, telling about a mentor in your life who has influenced you to continue your education in the agriculture field.