American Agri-Women Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarships

Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship was created to honor the memory of courageous and adventuresome pioneer women who played such an important role in the founding of this nation and encourage the present generation to continue their education in agricultural pursuits. Jean Ibendahl Scholarship and Sister Thomas More Bertels Scholarship were created to fulfill this purpose.

These two scholarships are available to any farm, ranch, or agribusiness woman or her daughter to pursue accredited courses in agriculture leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine, or any other courses directly related to agriculture.

The Jean Ibendahl Scholarship was initiated in 1991 by AAW member and educator, Jean Ibendahl of Tamaroa, Illinois. It was later supported by a generous endowment of $10,000.00 by Jean and her husband Calvin. It is further maintained by donations by AAW members and affiliates. This scholarship is available to high school graduates and women aged 18 – 23.

The Sister Thomas More Bertels Scholarship was begun in 1991 to honor a founding mother of AAW. Sister Thomas More Bertels was a history teacher at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She traveled the United States and Canada extolling the virtues of agriculture and empowering producers to realize their potential. This scholarship is available to women who are returning students in agriculture and are 24 years or older.

Both scholarships are for $1,000.00. Applications must be postmarked by June 1 of each year. You can acquire the application at www.americanagriwomen.org/aaw-foundation

More about American Agri-Women

Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers, advocate for Agriculture, and off networking and professional development opportunities. Go to AAW website for more information and to join, www.amernagriwomen.org Find AAW on social media at Facebook.com/AgriWomen and Twitter.com/Women4Ag/(@Women4Ag)

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