

# **RHODE ISLAND SHEEP COOPERATIVE**

## **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Annual Award: One (1) \$1000.00 Scholarship**

The Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2012 to honor those members of the Cooperative who have passed on but have “left their mark” on the RI sheep industry and community.

Lester, known by many as “Zeke”, held the office of President throughout the years and was manager of the RI Wool Pool. He was a life-long member of the Cooperative and his endless generosity in support of youth activities will never be forgotten. Ambrose Garvey was an active member of the Cooperative and held the office of Vice President. He was one of the establishing members of the Rhody Warm Blanket Project and continuously encouraged local youth in their sheep projects. Fred & Barbara Andrews were long time members of the Cooperative and Fred had also held the office of President. Both Fred and Barbara actively supported and worked closely with 4-H kids on their sheep projects. Fred was the Washington County Fair Sheep Show Superintendent for many years. With Barbara by his side, they built the WCF Sheep Show into the exhibit it is today. Marcus Thompson was a member since the 1950’s, served on the Wool Pool Committee and was a dedicated 4-H leader throughout the 1950’s and the early 1970’s. He was instrumental in the first major addition to the sheep barn at the Foster Old Home Days. Without hesitation Marcus dedicated his time to support, promote and encourage local youth in sheep projects. Polly Hopkins, daughter of Marcus Thompson, was a second-generation sheep farmer and actively held numerous offices in the Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative, the American Border Leicester Association, the New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association, the Rhody Warm Blanket Committee, and a Trustee for Eastern States Exposition. She was one of the founding members of the North East Youth Sheep Show and the leader of the Aries 4 H Club for many years. Polly had an infinite passion for raising sheep, leading youth in their sheep projects and sharing her knowledge with the community.

Zeke, Ambrose, Fred, Barbara, Marcus and Polly have truly left their mark on the sheep community and their unwavering life-long goal of raising sheep and supporting youth will live on through the generations to come.

### **Information and Qualifications:**

1. Applicant must be an individual or family paid member of the Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative.
2. Applicant should be a graduating high school senior, technical school or undergraduate college student to apply.
3. Applicant must be accepted as an undergraduate at a college, university, or technical school.
4. Applicant must provide an official current high school or college transcript with application.
5. Previous applicants, who have not received this award, are eligible to re-apply. They must be attending a school of higher education and remain in good standing.
6. Applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2024.
7. Applicants may be asked for an interview. Date: TBD
8. The Scholarship will be awarded in January 2024 after applicant sends in an official transcript showing satisfactory performance of fall semester courses (**grade point average C or better**).
9. Should the recipient of this Scholarship fail to meet an academic **grade point average** of C or better in the semester immediately preceding the award, the Scholarship will be forfeited. If this happens, the recipient has the option of applying again the following year without prejudice.
10. Applications should be complete sent to address located on the last page of packet.

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**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name:**

**Age:**

**Address:**

**Telephone No.:**

**Email:**

**High School:**

**Date of Graduation:**

**College/University/Technical School planning to attend or presently attending:**

**Major:**

**1. Please summarize of your involvement in the Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative.**

**2. Please describe how the sheep industry and community have influenced your life?**

**3. Please summarize your sheep project or involvement with sheep (flock size, breed, leasing or owning, years involved, skills gained, participation in events).**

**4. Please describe your future education and career goals.**

**5. Please describe ways you can continue to support the RI Sheep Industry and community.**

**My signature attests the information in this application is correct and honestly presented.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postmark Deadline August 1,2024**

**Mail Application:**

RI Sheep Cooperative

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

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