The Russell Orchards Scholarship

Russell Orchards is a 120-acre fruit farm with bakery, winery, retail store, and pick-your-own fruits located on the unceded ancestral homelands of the Pawtucket people, in Ipswich, MA. In accordance with its Land Acknowledgment and Action Plan (2022), Russell Orchards seeks college-bound Native American applicants for its annual $2500 scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. Eligible applicants must demonstrate a strong desire and intention to pursue the study of agriculture, horticulture, or farming-related field.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Russell Orchards Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be Native American
2. Be a New England resident
3. Be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university.
4. Indicate a strong intention to pursue the study of agriculture in college/university.

Requirements

1. Complete application and submit personal statement.
2. Submit proof of residency – State-Issued Driver’s License or State-Issued I.D. Card, utility bill in the applicant’s name, etc.
3. Submit proof of college enrollment - Present a letter of acceptance from the college or university that the applicant will attend.
4. Submit proof of tribal membership/affiliation (one document required)-
   • A valid tribal I.D card; or
   • A letter on official letterhead from the tribal enrollment officer, committee, or other appropriate tribal official verifying membership status of the applicant, parents, or grandparents, or
   • Family tree with accompanying birth records or documentation of Native American parents or grandparents (lineage or adoption records: the applicant must be Native American by blood and have proof of parents' or grandparents' tribal affiliation.
Please submit your application by 6/30/2023 to:
Doug and Miranda Russell
Russell Orchards
143 Argilla Rd.
Ipswich, MA 01938
Questions may be directed to: manager@russellorchards.com

Name:________________________________________
Address:______________________________________
Email:________________________________________

Essay prompt: Please discuss your relationship to agriculture/farming. Describe how you envision your future as it relates to the challenges and rewards presented by this field of study in college and beyond (250-500 words).