

Clifford S. Thayer Memorial Scholarship Award



The Thayer Family along with the Hillside Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Cummington Fair, is offering a \$750.00 scholarship in memory of Cliff Thayer to a graduating high school senior or a current college student residing in Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin or Berkshire counties.

Cliff was dedicated to Agriculture in the Pioneer Valley and the state of Massachusetts. He worked for the MA Department of Agriculture as a Dairy Inspector. He and his wife Lorie spent a lifetime dedicated to building a championship flock of purebred sheep at Splendorview Farm. He served as a 4-H leader to the Pioneer Valley Young Shepherds for 50 years. During this time influencing many youth to pursue a career in agriculture. Cliff also served on the Hillside Agriculture Society board of directors since 1969. He also served on boards for MA Farm Bureau, FSA County Committee, MAFA, Eastern States Exposition, Continental Dorset Club, Three County Fair, PVSBA, NE Sheep & Wool Growers Association. He was also recently inducted into the Northeast Suffolk Sheep Breeder's Association Hall of Fame.

Applications must be submitted by April 30th and must include:

- Copy of your acceptance letter to an accredited technical school; two or four year college.
- Please complete the Application (see pages 2 -4)
- Official high school or college transcript (depending on where you are currently studying).
- Three letters of reference.

Additional consideration will be given to those who plan to study or are studying in a field of agriculture, who come from an agriculture background, or who has volunteered and/or exhibited at the Cummington Fair.

Fully completed applications must be sent prior to April 30th. Late or missing information from your application could result in disqualification.

Winners will be personally notified and awards will be made to the scholarship winner.

Sincerely,

The Thayer Family

**** Please submit application, letters of reference and transcripts by April 30th to:
Kim LaBlanc, 12 Bradford Drive Apt. #B, Greenfield, MA 01301 or kmlablanc@yahoo.com**

CLIFFORD S. THAYER MEMORIAL AWARD APPLICATION

(Please type your application)

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

School Mailing Address & Phone: _____

Educational Background:

High School or College/ University currently attending: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Month/Year enrolled: _____ Month/ Year of Graduation: _____

Please List, if any, other future educational plans: _____

Please answer the following questions (use as much space as needed):

How did you get started in Agriculture? Please provide us with a brief summary of your years in 4H, FFA or your youth project:

Please list your Job Experience(s) and the duties you performed while on the job:

Describe extracurricular activities and organizations you are involved with or have been involved with. Please include your role in these activities:

List all activities you participated in at the Cummington Fair:

Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and future plans. Please list any honors or awards that you received:

Pick an experience from your own life and explain how this influenced you to choose this field of study:

Briefly describe your long term and short term future career plans related to the sheep and/or Agricultural Industry:

****References: Three letters of recommendation must be included with your application by the due date of April 30th. NO APPLICATION IS COMPLETE UNTIL ALL THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE RECEIVED.

My signature below indicates that all the information in my application is complete, factually correct and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Application & letters of recommendation are accepted via mail or email.