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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Topsfield, Mass. (March 22, 2025) — The Essex Agricultural Society, the organization that runs the Topsfield Fair, is proud to announce the availability of scholarships for well-rounded high school seniors in the county. These scholarships, designed to support students pursuing higher education, will be distributed, directly to the school, during the second semester of their freshman year of college. In 2024, the Society awarded over \$67,000 in scholarship aid to qualified students and also administered scholarships for the Essex County Farm Bureau and the Essex County Fruit Growers Association.

In addition, the Charles E. Larner Family Foundation is offering four additional awards this year, each valued at \$2,000. These scholarships aim to promote agriculture through sustainable farming practices, support the family farm, and provide special help to children who demonstrate a passion for agriculture.

Students can visit the [Topsfield Fair](https://www.topsfieldfair.org) website for the scholarship applications and guidelines. A copy of the student's high school transcript is required and a note of all activities and volunteer performances of the individual. The deadline for applications is April 1st.

"We are thrilled to once again offer scholarships to high school seniors who are eager to further their education," said James O'Brien, General Manager of the Topsfield Fair. "As an organization that has supported agriculture and community involvement for over 207 years, we are proud to invest in the futures of young individuals who share these values. These scholarships are just one way we can help students achieve their goals and empower the next generation."

For more information, please contact Nancy McCarthy at the Topsfield Fair by email at nancy@topsfieldfair.org or by calling 978-887-5000.

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About the Essex Agricultural Society:

The Essex Agricultural Society is a nonprofit organization that has been serving the local community since its founding in 1818. As the organizers of the Topsfield Fair, one of the oldest agricultural fairs in the United States, the Society is dedicated to promoting agricultural education, preserving heritage, and supporting the local community through events, scholarships, and outreach.