

## FRESH START ANIMAL OUTREACH VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

**PURPOSE:** To support Eldon High School graduating seniors who plan on pursuing a career as a veterinary technician.

**AMOUNT:** The scholarship will be a one time only distribution of \$1,500.00 per student.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or community leader.
2. G.P.A. of 3.0. Copy of transcript required with application.
3. Be attending a credentialed veterinary technician program.
4. A 300-500 word essay explaining how companion animals have played a role in your life and why you chose veterinary medicine as a career path.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE:** The high school Counselor will forward all applicant information for this scholarship to Fresh Start Animal Outreach. Winning candidates will be selected by the Board of Directors of Fresh Start Animal Outreach.

Fresh Start Animal Outreach will maintain a file for each winning scholarship recipient.

Family members of Fresh Start Animal Outreach board members, co-founders, and volunteers are not eligible for this scholarship.

Criteria for this scholarship may be amended upon the recommendation of the selection committee. Written notice of any amendments or changes will be provided to the Counselor at Eldon High School prior to awarding of said scholarship.

**SELECTION CALENDAR AND PROCESS:** Scholarship applications will be available from the counselor's office and should be returned to that office. Scholarship applications must be received by Fresh Start Animal Outreach by March 1 of the student's senior year.

**NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENT:** The recipient will receive an award letter from Fresh Start Animal Outreach. The recipient will provide Fresh Start Animal Outreach with the name and address of the college/university they will be attending so that Fresh Start Animal Outreach may contact the student's financial aid office and initiate the scholarship award payment.

**DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:** When all necessary documentation is received, payment will be made to the recipient's college account. If the recipient withdraws or is expelled from school, any unused funds will be returned to Fresh Start Animal Outreach.