



## **Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association**

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### **Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline November 20**

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#### **Scholarship Background**

The Dennis Bottem Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving college student pursuing an education in Animal Science or Agronomy.

Dennis Bottem was serving as President of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association when he died in a farm accident in April of 2002. Shortly after his passing the Bottem family in conjunction with the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association created the Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship to assist young men and women studying in the field of agriculture.

Dennis Bottem graduated in 1953 from St. James High School and then went on to earn a two-year degree from the University of Minnesota Agriculture School. He served in the National Guard for five years and married wife Karin in 1965. They farmed and raised a family in the St. James area. Dennis was very active in the local community, where he taught Sunday school, and was a trustee and president of the congregation. He was a steadfast promoter of the agriculture industry and in particular beef production. Dennis worked hard to resolve the many state and national issues that challenged the beef industry. Fellow cattlemen recognized Dennis as a statesman who tirelessly promoted and protected the industry he loved. During his many years of involvement in the cattle industry Dennis helped shape the resilient and independent operating environment the cattle industry enjoys today.

#### **Eligibility Criteria – Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship**

1. Be a resident of the State of Minnesota.
2. Be enrolled in either a two (2) or four (4) year agriculture program in any college or University in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or Iowa.
3. Applicant must be majoring in Animal Science or Agronomy.
4. Applicant must submit with the application:
  - (a) Most recent grade transcript.
  - (b) An essay of not more than 300 words which includes the reasons for pursuing your present education program, career plans, attitude toward agriculture, college activities, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.
5. The scholarship application, requested essay, references (one of which must be from a current or former teacher), and grade transcript must be received by November 20.

The scholarship is normally presented to the recipient at the Annual Cattlemen & Cattlemen's Dinner Banquet held on Saturday evening of the first weekend of December each year as part of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association and Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention and Beef Industry Trade Show.

**Mail completed application to:** Dennis Bottem Scholarship, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, 1011 West Minnehaha Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104. Phone (651) 756-7351 Fax: (651) 756-7354. Email: [ruralstrategies@gmail.com](mailto:ruralstrategies@gmail.com)

## Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship - Application Form

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) High School Graduate of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name of agriculture related college or university I am currently attending:

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Study program including Major/Minor

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(3) Hometown Newspaper (including address)

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(4) Recent and current membership/involvement in student and community organizations:

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(5) Letters of recommendation. At least two required, one of which must be from a current or former teacher.

(a) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Years acquainted with applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Years acquainted with applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

(6) In addition to completing this form, your application should also include the following items:

\* Most recent grade transcript(s)

\* At least two letters of recommendation, with one from a current or former teacher

\* An essay of 300 words or less discussing your present education program, career plans, attitude toward agriculture, college activities, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

**Release:** To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct. If I am selected to receive a scholarship, I hereby give consent for the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association to release information to the news media on the award of this scholarship.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_