

Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award



In 2008, in collaboration with the Dobrosky Family, the York County Agriculture Business Council created the Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award. The award is to celebrate the life of Anthony G. Dobrosky, who suddenly passed in April 2008. Tony, as known by many, was a strong advocate of York County Agriculture and the 4-H Program. In addition, he served as a Penn State Cooperative Extension Agent for 33 years. He served in the U.S. Army, and later earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from the Pennsylvania State University. Tony worked long hours and volunteered with numerous community organizations, utilizing his commitment to agriculture and his strong work ethic. He was known for his positive attitude and frankness while influencing and inspiring generations of individuals.

In 2021, the York County Agriculture Business Council passed on it's legacy and activities to the York County Agricultural Society, which is the home of the York State Fair and York Expo Center. This includes the Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award. The Society is honored to be able to continue recognizing and inspiring future agriculture generations. While Tony was a driving leader of the Agriculture Business Council, the Agricultural Society remains committed to developing strong agricultural leaders in our youth. This is done in memory of Tony and his many years of dedication to youth leadership development.



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Sponsored by: York County Agricultural Society

“The York County Agricultural Society’s mission is to enrich the area’s quality of life by providing educational, entertainment, recreational, agricultural, commercial and social activities for the benefit of the residents and business of York County.”

The Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award is an annual \$500 scholarship for leadership or agricultural development of a young person planning to continue involvement in our agricultural community.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. The applicant is between the ages of 16 and 21 years old.
2. Applicant is a resident of York County, Pennsylvania.
3. Applicant is planning continued involvement in our agricultural community.
4. Selection is based upon applicant’s completion of the Award Application and a personal interview, without regard to race, sex, religion or financial need.
5. The award is non-renewable. Previous award winners are ineligible for future award.
6. The Award Recipient **should** participate at the annual banquet to accept the award if possible.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Applicants must submit this Award Application on or before December 1st, 2022.
2. Mandatory personal interviews of selected applicants will be conducted during the Holiday Break. If selected for interview, you will be notified two weeks prior to interviews.
3. Selection will be made by January 16th, 2023.
4. The Award Recipient must respond with acceptance in email by February 1st, 2023.
5. The Award and the \$500.00 check will be presented during the York County Agricultural Recognition Banquet, to be held March 30th, 2023. It is recommended that the award recipient attends the banquet to accept the award and offer acceptance remarks.
6. Final award selection is made by the Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award Committee.
7. All sensitive information provided by applicants is not shared.



Tony Dobrosky Future Leaders Award Application

Application Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Name & City of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Name of High School: _____ Grade: _____

List High School Activities: _____

Name of College: _____ Year: _____

List College Activities: _____

List Community Activities: _____

List Current & Previous Leader Roles: _____

List Current or Previous Employment: _____

How did you hear about this award? _____

Please list dates during your holiday/semester break that you would be available for an interview? _____

What agricultural activities have you been involved in, to date?

Why is agriculture important to York County?

What is your anticipated future involvement in the agricultural community?

Describe your most successful leadership project and the role you played.

How will you use this \$500 Award?

References: (provide three names with address, phone, email & relationship)

Resume: May be included.

(Pages may be added to this application to answer the above questions)

I understand the selection procedures and if selected, agree to be present for interviews and the banquet and acknowledge that any misrepresentation of the facts on this application will be cause for cancellation of the award.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO: York County Agricultural Society
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or Email to: ngroff@yorkstatefair.org
Submit Award Application by December 1st, 2022