

## **FAIRMONT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FAIRMONT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGRI-BUSINESS COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Graduating seniors of Martin County high schools planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture or an area of study that services agriculture, such as finance, veterinary medicine, insurance, bio-science, or marketing are encouraged to apply for \$8,400 in scholarships. In partnership with the Agriculture Future of America (AFA), the Agri-Business Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce is offering up to two \$4,200 scholarships, which includes registration for the fall 2012 AFA Leaders Conference. The Agri-Business Committee will determine the number of scholarships based on the number of qualified applicants. These scholarships are made possible through the Agriculture Future of America, the Agri-Business Committee of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, and the following sponsors: AgStar Financial Services, Bank Midwest, Cargill Inc., Devenish Nutrition, Dutch Creek Farms, Fairmont Vet Clinic/Preferred Capital Management, Kahler Automation, Martin County Corn and Soybean Growers, Profinium Financial, Valero Renewables, and WFS.

Applications are available from high school Guidance Counselors, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, and online at [www.fairmontchamber.org](http://www.fairmontchamber.org) under the News & Events link.

Scholarship winners will be contacted following the April meeting of the Scholarship Committee and the Agri-Business Committee. Applications are due April 1, 2012. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Chamber office at 323 East Blue Earth Avenue, mailed to Agri Scholarship, Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 826, Fairmont, MN 56031, or emailed to [info@fairmontchamber.org](mailto:info@fairmontchamber.org).