



EASTERN WASHINGTON AG EXPO

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7TH ANNUAL LYLE HOLT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The 2017 Eastern Washington Ag Expo is proud to announce the 7th Annual Lyle Holt Scholarship Competition awarding a minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships. This event has become one of the highlights of the Expo. Last year we were able to award three scholarships totaling \$3,300 to the top finalists of the 7th Annual Lyle Holt Scholarship Competition. The recipients of the 2016 scholarships were Lacey Desserault (Prosser), tye Taylor (Prosser), and Riley Reed (Connell). We are looking forward to another great competition this year.

COMPETITION

Those participating in the competition are asked to prepare and deliver an 8 - 10 minute presentation to a panel of esteemed judges representing the local Ag industry as well as trade show participants. The focus of your presentation should be "**Issues Affecting Agriculture in the Pacific Northwest**", and topics may include, but are not limited to, political issues, environmental issues, organic versus conventional farming practices, or any other topic that pertains to agriculture in the Pacific Northwest.

Entry is open to all high school students in the Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon region. If interested, please contact Shane Johnson as soon as possible to secure your entry. Topics and an outline of the presentations will need to be submitted to Shane **no later than December 16, 2016 at 5 p.m.**

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Currently a High School Junior or Senior;
- Interest in pursuing a vocation in agriculture;
- Intent to major in a field of agriculture (*Ag Business, Ag Engineering, Agronomy, etc.*) and funds will be dispersed upon fulfillment of one of the following requirements:
 - Major declared upon acceptance/entrance to an accredited university;
 - Submit a graduation plan stating intent to major in an agricultural field – must be signed by an academic advisor from the university in which the recipient is enrolled.

APPLICATION & PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.5 – 2 page, detailed presentation outline submitted by December 16, 2016
- Prepared 8 - 10 minute presentation
 - Preference is given to memorized presentations
 - Audio/visual equipment will not be available for use during this competition.
- Please source all research within the context of your outline
- On your submitted outline please include:
 - Name
 - High School
 - Expected Graduation Date
 - Name of FFA/4-H Advisor (if applicable)
- Submit the attached application with the prepared outline

EVENT DETAILS

- Location: TRAC Center 6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, 99301
- Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017
- Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

To participate in this event please contact Shane Johnson at 509-585-5460 or by email at shanej@agmgt.com.



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LYLE HOLT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION APPLICATION

Name: _____ High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent (s) Name: _____

Expected High School Graduation Date: _____ Degree Interest: _____

High School Activities: _____

SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE/INTEREST WITH THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY: _____

IN PARAGRAPH FORMAT, PLEASE STATE YOUR CAREER OBJECTIVE & FUTURE GOALS: _____

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Lyle Holt Biography



Lyle Holt was born in Fairfield, WA in 1939 and was raised with his brother and sister on the farm that their great-grandfather established.

Lyle's great-grandfather Adams started farming in Creswell, Oregon, in the Willamette Valley. He then left Creswell and traveled over the Mackenzie Pass to Bend, Oregon and then on to Walla Walla, Washington. Finally, great-grandfather Adams was able to settle in Fairfield, WA in the 1880's after purchasing the Fairfield farm on a trade for twelve horses for two quarters of land. This farm was preserved in the family legacy and was still operating when Lyle Holt and his siblings were born.

Lyle Holt attended Fairfield High School and graduated in 1957. His graduating class consisted of 14 kids with only four girls. Lyle was very active in 4-H, FFA, showing steers in the Spokane Livestock Show, and raising grain for his FFA

project through which Lyle was able to receive his State FFA Degree.

After high school, Lyle attended Washington State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a minor in teaching. While at WSU, Lyle was blessed to meet his wife who was a Home Economics major. After college, Lyle looked for a job in his field and none were to be found. He was considering the military when a position opened in Bridgeport, WA.

It was 1962, two days before school started when he finally received the job offer to teach agriculture and biology. As the Ag teacher, Lyle was in charge of the school's twenty acre project farm. One of the accomplishments Lyle made during his time as the Bridgeport Ag teacher was to bring irrigation to the school farm. This was a community effort with immense help from local parents. After twelve years of teaching in Bridgeport it was time to move on.

Moving to Connell, Washington, 1974, Lyle was part of a two teacher team in the Ag Department to advise the many students in the program. Lyle started the mechanical program. Living and teaching in an area so diverse, it was necessary to teach on many different areas of agriculture. After four years of teaching as a two man team, his partner moved on and Lyle was on his own.

Lyle built his home in Connell. One summer, in 1979, an opportunity to purchase a farm west of Connell became available. Lyle traded his house as the down payment. The farm started out with furrow irrigation and a couple of wheel lines. Lyle felt the farm really helped in his ability to be a better Ag teacher.

After many more years of teaching, summer visits to students checking on the projects, fairs, livestock judging contests, and many other FFA events. Lyle Holt retired his teaching career in 1994. Lyle's teaching career and dedication to his students has left a far reaching, living legacy. Lyle currently sits on the board of directors for Big Bend, and serves at the Columbia Basin Jr. Livestock Show.