CLARENCE PEARCE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP  
Established 1999

The Clarence Pearce Agriculture Scholarship is available through the University of Central Missouri Foundation for a junior or senior student pursuing a degree in agriculture. This scholarship is made possible by way of a gift from family and friends in memory of Clarence R. Pearce.

BACKGROUND:

Clarence Pearce was professor emeritus at the University of Central Missouri having devoted 34 years to the school. He was the vocational agriculture teacher at the University’s laboratory school which included related teacher training assignments. Mr. Pearce also served as faculty sponsor and advisor of the Warrensburg Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), faculty sponsor of the University High School Student Council and faculty sponsor of Central’s chapter of Acacia Fraternity.

Mr. Pearce retired from teaching in 1976 and developed a saw sharpening business, Pearce’s Sharpening Shop, which he operated for 19 years.

Clarence Pearce’s early years were spent in Adair and Scotland Counties of Missouri. He received his bachelor and master's degrees in agricultural education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He had served in the U.S. Army, 1941-1946, concluding his military service as a First Lieutenant.

Clarence Pearce was known by his colleagues, friends and family in many different and positive ways. He was a warm, caring individual who developed special relationships with those around him. He was a man of optimism and deep faith who believed in service to his church.

Developing leadership skills in young people was vitally important to Mr. Pearce as was teaching them to accept responsibility. He was often identified as the ultimate craftsman who exhibited great skills with his hands and who believed in perfection in all that he did.

But, perhaps most of all, Clarence Pearce was the consummate educator. His former students thought of him as the “master,” a teacher who knew what it meant to transcend the academic work in a way that helped students develop and mature as individuals.

This scholarship is established as a tribute to Clarence Pearce, to the man he was and to the life he lived, with the hope that those students receiving assistance from the scholarship may strive to develop the personal characteristics and to uphold the ideals which were so important to him during his lifetime.
CRITERIA:
To apply, a student must:
  a. be a full-time junior or senior student in good academic standing at UCM;
  b. be pursuing a degree in agriculture;
  c. be worthy, deserving and of good moral character;
  d. show promise of leadership and academic ability in the field of agriculture;
  e. be preparing for a career as a teacher of agriculture (however, if no students planning for a career as a teacher of agriculture apply or are deemed ineligible, consideration shall be given to students planning for a career in some other area of agriculture);

SELECTION PROCESS:
1. The recipient(s) of the Clarence Pearce Agriculture Scholarship will be recommended by a selection committee designated by the Chair, Department of Agriculture. Recipient(s) shall be approved by the UCM Scholarships and Awards Officer.

2. Financial need shall be a deciding factor if there are equally qualified students.

3. The application must be delivered or postmarked by March 1. Recipient(s) shall be announced by May 15 of any given year.

4. The Selection Committee, with the approval of the donor and the Executive Director of the Foundation, will annually establish the number and award amount. If adequate funding is not available, the Selection Committee may exercise the option of making no selection.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Applications must be delivered / postmarked by March 1 to:

Department of Agriculture
Attn: Clarence Pearce Agriculture Scholarship
University of Central Missouri
Grinstead 126
Warrensburg, Missouri  64093
Application for the

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1. Name ________________________________  UCM student ID# ______________________________

2. Permanent address ________________________________________________________________
   street
   ___________________________________________  _______________________________________
   city                                                    state                                zip code
   county

3. Home phone ( ) _____________  Cell phone ( ) ______________  Campus phone ________________

4. Campus address ______________________________  E-mail ____________________________________

5. Major ________________________________  Minor ________________________________

6. Cumulative GPA _____________________________  GPA in major ___________________________

7. Estimated date of graduation/degree completion ___________________________________________
   month                                                   year

8. Attach a list of campus and community organizations to which you belong. Be sure to list leadership roles when applicable.

9. Attach a brief statement of your professional goals as they relate to this scholarship. Be sure to include your plans and aspirations for the future, i.e. teaching, etc.

10. Attach a current transcript. An unofficial transcript may be printed (free of charge) from the student portal at https://www.ucmo.edu/portal.

11. Personal Financial Statement – indicate your estimated budget for the next school year.

   COSTS                                      RESOURCES
   Tuition and required fees  _____________  Personal savings  _____________
   Books, instructional material  ___________  Earnings during vacation  ___________
   Room and board  _____________  Part-time earnings during academic year  ___________
   Clothing  _____________  Aid from parents/guardians  _____________
   Commuting expenses  _____________  Other scholarships  _____________
   Personal and recreational  _____________  Other resources  _____________
   Sorority/Fraternity dues  _____________
   TOTAL  _____________  TOTAL  _____________

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REFERENCES:

1. Name ______________________________________ Relationship ____________________________
   Phone Number _______________________________ E-mail _________________________________

2. Name ______________________________________ Relationship ____________________________
   Phone Number _______________________________ E-mail _________________________________

UNDERSTANDING OF ACCEPTANCE:

If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that I must meet the criteria as outlined in this application at the beginning of the semester in which the scholarship is to be applied to my student account. If my status should change before/during the academic year, I understand that I must notify the Department to which this application has been submitted. I further understand that a change in my status may affect my eligibility and the application of the scholarship to my student account.

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Signature             Date

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