

Marilyn K. Hoy Memorial Scholarship

What is it? DreamDirt Farm and Ranch Real Estate, LLC and Farmland Agent, Rachel Hoy, are more than excited to offer a \$1,250 scholarship to a high school senior pursuing a career in the agriculture industry. This scholarship is in memory of Marilyn K. Hoy, who sadly lost her battle to breast cancer in 2010, and is the late mother of Rachel Hoy.

"I lost my mother, Marilyn Hoy, when I was just 14 years old. She battled breast cancer my entire life. In my short time with her, she instilled in me a love of agriculture that remains my passion today. Being born and raised on a farm outside of Dexter, IA, she shared her experiences growing up as a farm girl and her love for taking care of livestock with me. My mom had a special fondness for pigs and I can recall many stories about her helping my dad raise them when I was only a few years old. It was always evident how much she enjoyed caring for the baby piglets.



At times, when she was hospitalized, my dad had to continue to work. Luckily for me, this meant spending time at my grandparents farm riding around in tractors and helping with chores which continued to ignite my love for farming. Even at a young age, it was clear to my mom how much agriculture meant to me. She elected to enroll me in 4-H and always helped me with my projects. I knew even at that age what she was doing for me would shape the person I am today. From picking me up from school with the truck and trailer with our pony in the back for riding lessons, to making a "Just Keep Swimming" Relay For Life Team, and countless other projects in-between, the time spent working on my projects with her will never be forgotten. Near the end of her life on earth, health failing, she refused to miss a county fair where my little sister and I would show. I even pushed her in a wheelchair so she could still watch us exhibit our projects. We didn't know then, but it would be the last summer we'd all spend ringside together.

Losing her was devastating. I was just starting high school and had to rely on friends, family and even people I did not know to get me through. I've never forgotten the warmth of their kindness and stories they shared with me about my mother's strong-will. Thankfully, it didn't take me long to realize she would want me to keep succeeding and achieving my goals in life. I'm often reminded of her go-getter attitude and determination which pushes me to be the best I can be! My mother was a strong and courageous woman who helped anybody she could. There were many times I drove her to chemotherapy treatments, through Des Moines traffic, with simply a learner's permit. Truthfully, I was amazed at how she could start a conversation so effortlessly with fellow patients and made their day better by simply listening to them, and ultimately making them smile!

Her generosity was indisputable, and I am proud to share her spirit while celebrating her life with this scholarship to agricultural majors that have experienced the same hardship of battling breast cancer with a loved one. " -Rachel Hoy

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What is the schedule? Applications to be received by **October 31, 2019** to the following email address:

Rachel@DreamDirt.com

The recipient of the Marilyn K. Hoy Memorial Scholarship will be contacted on November 4, 2019 and will also be announced on both the DreamDirt Farm and Ranch Real Estate and Rachel Hoy Farm & Real Estate Specialist Facebook pages.

Who is eligible?

- The Marilyn K. Hoy Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student of High School Senior status who will be pursuing a career in the field of Agriculture.

Method of Payment: Payment of scholarship will be made directly to the school, upon the recipient's providing DreamDirt Farm and Ranch LLC. evidence of enrollment on a full time basis, as evidenced by a tuition bill from the Registrar of the school. DreamDirt Farm and Ranch LLC in combination with the Marilyn K. Hoy Family, reserves the right to withdraw any part or all of the award if the Applicant fails to satisfy this requirement.

Scholarship Checklist:

- 1. Completed Application Form**
- 2. Three Photos and Corresponding Essays**
 - A. Harvest**
 - B. Pigs/"Porktober"**
 - C. Breast Cancer Awareness**
- 3. Signed Information and Photo Use Authorization**

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Student Name _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Address

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

College or University you will be attending _____

Future Career in Agriculture _____

High School(s) you have attended:

Name of School

Dates Attended

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Date of High School Graduation _____

Activities (*Attach separate sheet, if necessary*)

Please list any Organizations you have been involved in (FFA, 4-H, Breed Assoc., etc.)

Please list any Extracurricular Activities you have participated in (Sports, Clubs, etc.)

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In the month of October, we celebrate many things! Not only is it typically the start of fall and the harvest season; but, it also is National Pork Month, or “Porktober”, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Photo/Essay Criteria: For this photo/essay challenge, you will submit a total of three photos and three short essays about what each photo means to you. Your photos need to reflect, in some way:

- Harvest
- Pigs/“Porktober”
- Breast Cancer Awareness

The essay portion is open-ended, please be as creative as you want! We will be sharing the three photos submitted by the scholarship recipient on Facebook.

INFORMATION AND PHOTO USE AUTHORIZATION

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned give DreamDirt Farm and Ranch Real Estate LLC, the absolute and irrevocable right to copyright, and publish Applicant’s photos; likeness; name; and any information disclosed in Applicant’s Marilyn K. Hoy Memorial Scholarship Application and any subsequent communications related to the Scholarship, except for Applicant’s phone number, email address, or address. Such use may include, but is not limited to: publishing such materials in DreamDirt publications, advertisements, and/or on www.DreamDirt.com or a related DreamDirt web site, or providing such materials to publications of general circulation such as newspapers.

As a required part of your application, please write, sign, and date your name below, have your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) write, sign, and date the section below.

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Written Name of Applicant	Signature of Applicant	Date
_____	_____	_____
Written Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date