JOHN BLISS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

John Bliss was born on August 14, 1955, in Miles City, raised on a ranch near Sand Springs, and attended rural schools in Eastern Montana. He attended Sentinel High School in Missoula and was an active member of the Missoula FFA Chapter all four years. He held the office of Vice President and various committee chairmanships; was a member of the Chapter livestock judging team as well as the district and state contest teams; was a delegate to the Washington Leadership Conference and the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO.

The chapter could always depend on John to be present and actively working to promote the success of all chapter endeavors. His willing attitude and sense of humor were just two of his personal traits which influenced his fellow members. He was awarded the Chapter "Workhorse" Award for his active participation in various projects and culminated his FFA membership when he received the State Farmer Award in 1973. After his graduation, he moved back to the family ranch in Eastern Montana where he and his brother operated a large wheat and livestock operation.

John was an aviation enthusiast; a charter member and director of the Ag Pilots Association; held commercial and multi-engine pilot ratings; was a certified Ag Pilot and operated his own crop spraying business along with the ranching operation. John lost his life due to a malfunction of his airplane on June 14, 1980, while making a return flight to the ranch after a spraying job.

The memory of JOHN BLISS will live on through the recipients of this award who will strive to work for the betterment of themselves, their chapter, their state, and their nation.

JOHN BLISS: August 14, 1955—June 14, 1980

Eligibility:

1. No high school graduates or graduating seniors are eligible to apply.
2. Only one applicant allowed per each Montana FFA chapter.
3. Candidate's statement and advisor's recommendation are required.
4. Applicants must be an active member of the Montana FFA Association.

Procedure:

5. Submit to chapter advisor the completed application in an envelope addressed to the address above by the due date.
6. Chapter advisor must complete the confidential reference form and include it in the envelope with the application.
7. ATTACH A CURRENT PHOTO OF APPLICANT FIT FOR REPRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION AND SIGNED RELEASE FORM.
8. The application packet must be received at the above address by the due date above.

Award:

This memorial scholarship will provide $200 for an active Montana FFA Association member to attend the National FFA Convention. A certificate will be presented at the Montana State FFA Convention and a check will be sent to the chapter prior to the National FFA Convention.

This scholarship is facilitated through the Montana FFA Foundation and is provided by William and Ramona Holt of Lolo, Montana.

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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Social Security #: _

Address: _____

(street) (city & state) (zip)

Phone: _____ Gender: M / F Date of birth:_____

Grade: _____ Years in FFA: _____ Office(s) held: _____

Chapter: _____

Name of hometown newspaper:_____

Newspaper address:_____

1. List offices held in FFA: Office Year

2. FFA committee chairmanships: Committee Year

3. Participation in chapter activities:

4. Participation in FFA leadership activities:

5. Year in school:

6. Offices held in high school and activities outside FFA (school & community):

7. Positions of employment, period of employment and average time employed each week since beginning high school:

Please Attach:

Statement of candidate: On one (1) typed page, briefly describe your SAE and future plans. Explain why you joined FFA, how it has benefited you, why you want to attend the National FFA Convention and what you hope to gain from the trip – both as a person and chapter member.

Advisor's reference: Describe the personal traits of the candidate. Scholarship is not an important criterion. We are interested in the personal attitude of the candidate, his/her willingness to participate and learn, his/her rapport with fellow students, and dependability.

Signature of Applicant	**Date**
Signature of Parent or Guardian	**Date**

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ADVISOR REFERENCE FORM

NOTE: Advisor, please complete this reference form confidentially (place in a sealed envelope). Include it with the member's application and mail it to the state FFA office by the due date.

Member's Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Advisor's Name: _____ School Phone Number: ____

School Address: _____

11. What is the level of involvement of this member in the chapter activities? (Circle one)

    low 1 2 3 4 5 high

12. What are the leadership skills of this member? (Circle one)

    low 1 2 3 4 5 high

13. What is the work ethic of this member? (Circle one)

    low 1 2 3 4 5 high

14. What progress has this member's SAE program shown? (Circle one)

    low 1 2 3 4 5 high

15. What is the financial need of this member? (Circle one)

    low 1 2 3 4 5 high

Why should this member be awarded this scholarship? _____

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Additional comments? _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attach a current photo of applicant fit for reproduction and publication.

I hereby release the information and picture provided in this application to the Montana FFA Association and Montana FFA Foundation for publicity and/or website purposes.