



**CNH Service Technician Program  
"Forging the Future"**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the Forging the Future Scholarship Program is to provide students who are enrolling in the CNH Service Technician Program at Parkland with the necessary assistance that would prepare him/her for a career at Birkey's Inc. Birkey's will furnish tuition assistance, a toolbox with required starter set of tools, and uniforms.

The scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500.00 per semester to be paid for the first year of studies and \$1,000 per semester to be paid for the second year of studies. The toolbox and tools (valued at \$5,400) will be made available to the student at the beginning of the first semester. An option to purchase the toolbox and tools at a reduced valuation if the program is not completed will be provided scholarship recipients, and following completion of the program and 3 years full time employment with Birkey's, the toolbox and tools may be purchased for the sum of \$1.<sup>00</sup>. Uniforms will also be provided to wear while in this program and while employed at Birkey's.

The awards are presented based on scholastic ability, community involvement, and extracurricular activities. Scholarship Guidelines:

1. The applicant must be enrolling in the diesel technician program at Parkland.
2. Selection will be based on a composite of academics, school and community activities, community and industry service, honors and awards, and employment history.
3. Qualified students must complete this application and MVR authorization and return it to Curt Carter at the Birkey's office in Champaign.
4. Applications will be reviewed by a panel including college officials and Birkey's management, which will make final selections. A personal interview may be required.
5. Applicant must demonstrate a strong interest and intention of entering a career in agricultural or construction equipment industry.
6. The applicant's character, reputation, and personal life, as evidenced by references, or by inquiry, will be of high quality, reflecting a high likelihood of success in their academic pursuits.
7. Applicant must include with their application a minimum of two letters of recommendation from individuals not related to the applicant.
8. The candidate must complete the required courses and receive the degree sought.
9. The applicant must possess & maintain a valid driver's license & a driving record acceptable to Birkey's insurer throughout the program.
10. Scholarship funds would be issued directly to Parkland for tuition assistance.
11. Upon completion of each term, candidate must submit grade transcripts to Birkey's HR Manager in order for the next semester's tuition assistance to be paid.
12. Scholarships may be subject to cancellation if the student does not achieve satisfactory academic standards, changes the basic course of accepted study, desires to change schools, or the inability to maintain a valid and acceptable driving record.



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Checklist for Applicants

(Please clip or staple this page to your completed application before turning it in.)

- Completed application
- Most current (certified) transcript from your school
- Two reference letters (attached)
- Completed Motor Vehicle Report Authorization
- Mailed or delivered to: Curt Carter  
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc.  
2102 W Park Ct.  
Champaign, IL 61821

**For office use only:**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcript enclosed? Yes / No

Recommendations enclosed? Yes / No



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Please type or print

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1. General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

College attending \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following program (please mark one):

Case IH (Agriculture) \_\_\_\_\_ Case (Construction) \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2. Academic Information**

High School G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ (please enclose certified transcripts)

High School Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

What high school academic honors have you received? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3. College Goals**

Starting date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is consideration being given to pursue a 4 year degree (please circle one)? Yes / No



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**Section 4. Activities**

List agricultural or other clubs/organizations to which you belong. Indicate offices held, positions of leadership and activities in which you participate(d). \_\_\_\_\_

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List church, civic or community activities in which you participate(d). \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 5. Self-Analysis**

Briefly summarize your career goals. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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In terms of career development, where do you see yourself in five years? In ten years?

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Why do you feel you should be awarded this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the biggest challenge facing you today? \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the above information is correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Date

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Parent / Guardian Date

**Send application, reference letters and transcripts to:**

Curt Carter  
Birkey’s Farm Store, Inc.  
2102 W Park Ct.  
Champaign, IL 61821



# Motor Vehicle Report Authorization

Driver Name (as shown on Driver's License): \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Driver License (DL) Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DL State: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please attach a copy of your current driver license.***

Other Driver Licenses or Permits Held in the Past 3 Years	State	License Number	Class	Expiration Date

Position Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 383.21 FMCSR states "No person who operates a commercial motor vehicle shall at any time have more than one driver's license. I certify that I do not have more than one current motor vehicle license, the information for which is listed above.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 604(b)(2)(A) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Public Law 91-508, as amended by the Consumer Credit Reporting Act of 1996 (Title II, Subtitle D, Chapter I, of Public Law 104-208), you are being informed that reports verifying your previous employment, previous drug and alcohol test results, and your driving record may be obtained on you for employment purposes. These reports are required by Sections 382.413, 391.23, and 391.25 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

I voluntarily authorize Birkey's Farm Store, Inc. to obtain motor vehicle reports regarding me in connection with my application for a scholarship, or employment and my ongoing employment if applicable.

I also voluntarily authorize Birkey's General Liability Insurance Carrier to secure Motor Vehicle Reports on me as needed for business insurance underwriting purposes.

I certify that this application was completed by me, and that all information reported is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

*\*Date of birth information will be used to insure an accurate reporting. It will not be used in any employment decision. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act prohibits discrimination against persons 40 years of age or older.*