



**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 \$5,000) will be made available to the student at the beginning of the first semester. Scholarship recipients earn 25% of the tool package each year (2 years in the CNH/Parkland program and 2 years of full-time employment with Birkey's). There is an option to purchase the tool package for the remaining balance if the program is not completed. 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 return it to Phil Fayhee at the Birkey's office in Bloomington.
4. Applications will be reviewed by a panel including college officials and Birkey's management, which will make final selections. 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. Scholarship funds would be issued directly to Parkland for tuition assistance.
10. 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.



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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)
- Mailed or delivered to: Phil Fayhee  
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc.  
1105 Interstate Drive  
Bloomington, IL 61705

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Student

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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

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