



Birkey's Service Technician Scholarship Program

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the Birkey's Service Technician Program is to provide students who are enrolling in a Diesel Service Technician Program at a community college 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 \$1,000.00 per semester to be paid for the first year of studies and \$2,000 per semester to be paid for the second year of studies. The toolbox and tools (valued at approximately \$15,000) will be made available to the student at the beginning of the first semester. 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 \$1.⁰⁰. 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 an accredited community college.
2. The 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 the Director of Human Resources at Birkey's office in Champaign.
4. Applications will be reviewed by a panel and Birkey's management, which will make final selections. A personal interview may be required.
5. Applicant must demonstrate a strong interest in 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. A store internship is required as part of community college programs, so scholarship recipients must be able to pass a physical as related to the service technician position, to be performed prior to receipt of the scholarship.
10. The applicant must possess & maintain a valid driver's license & a driving record acceptable to Birkey's insurer throughout the program.
11. Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the community college for tuition assistance.

12. Upon completion of each term, apprentices must submit grade transcripts to Birkey's Director of Human Resources in order for the next semester's tuition assistance to be paid.
13. 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, is unable to satisfactorily pass the physical, or is not able to maintain a valid and acceptable driving record.

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 & copy of current driver's license
- ☐ Mailed or delivered to: Director of Human Resources
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



Birkey's Service Technician Apprenticeship Program

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? _____

Section 3. College Goals

Starting date: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

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

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). _____

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

Section 5. Self-Analysis

Briefly summarize your career goals. _____

What are your strengths? _____

What are your weaknesses? _____



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

Why do you feel you should be awarded this scholarship? _____

What is the biggest challenge facing you today? _____

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

Student

Date

Parent / Guardian

Date

Send application, reference letters and transcripts to:

Director of Human Resources

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 ensure 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.*