

# Martin Ryan Agriculture Scholarship



Marty



Farming was Marty's life! He was a kind and simple man who shared his stories and knowledge, always including valuable life lessons. Marty was committed to his family, farm, and community. He grew up on his family farm in Mercer County and started farming early with his dad and brother. Their first fields were planted and plowed with horse-drawn equipment. In 1958, Marty established Ryan Farms. This was the home where he raised his six children and where he continued to farm for 65 years.

Marty enjoyed farm life and working the land with his family. He was known for his top-quality farm, livestock, and crops. He watched the industry grow and develop over decades. Marty was a progressive farmer who implemented new techniques and advanced technology to innovate on his farm. He took time to share his knowledge and help others.

The Martin Ryan Agriculture Scholarship honors "Marty," a lifelong crop and livestock owner of Ryan Farms (Viola, Illinois). This scholarship recognizes his contributions and reflects his values. Marty's belief in education and opportunity inspires this scholarship, given to students from Western Illinois applying to a trade school, university, or college to pursue a career in an agricultural field.

## **Martin Ryan Agriculture Scholarship Criteria**

Graduating Senior in Western Illinois

Male/Female

GPA/4 = 2.5

Attending Accredited Institution

Associates / Bachelors

Apprenticeship / Certificate

Preference/ Agriculture

Financial Assistance

One-time award

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