

## About Tom Everett

A Hillsborough resident and tireless advocate for agriculture, Thomas Everett was a Somerset County farmer his whole life.

Farming for the Everett family began in New Jersey around 1910 when Tom's grandfather purchased the Beekman land in Hillsborough to develop a dairy and grain farm. Over the years, Tom eventually took a leadership role in expanding Ever Lea Farm through innovative agricultural practices.

Tom earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Delaware Valley College in the study of agronomy. In addition to being a busy

farmer, Tom wore many hats as an active participant in agricultural government. He served as the first chair for the Somerset County Agricultural Development board, a title he held for twenty-two years; he was a member and president of the Somerset County Board of Agriculture, a member and first vice-president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, and an active member in the Land Use Committee, New Jersey's Direct Marketing Association, Vegetable Growers' Association, and Grain and Forage Producers Association.



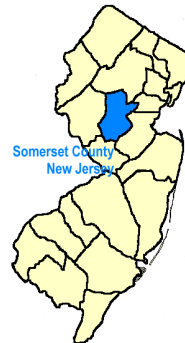
Tom's family: wife, Kris, and children Rachel, Kaitlin and David, supported his great contributions to the farming community, and carry on his legacy in Somerset County.

## Somerset County Board of Agriculture

**Who are they?** These volunteers are individuals or representatives of corporations and associations willing to promote sustainable agriculture here in Somerset County.

**What do they do?** Members advance, promote, enhance, assist, encourage, and support the presence, practice, and profitability of agriculture in all of its facets.

**What types of service?** Due consideration is given to the agricultural, geographical, and special interest areas of interested volunteers and potential elected officials. Program outreach serves the best interests of agriculture as they relate to economics, the environment, aesthetics, and other quality of life issues here in Somerset



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## The Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship

Administered by the Somerset County  
Board of Agriculture



Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship  
Somerset County Board of Agriculture  
c/o RCE of Somerset County  
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# Annual Scholarships

The Somerset County Board of Agriculture is proud to administer the Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship. This annual scholarship was created to honor Tom's personal and agricultural legacy, his initiative and leadership, and seeks to recognize those individuals whose goals are synonymous with Tom's living definition of success.

Two Awards will be presented annually

- \$2,000 Academic Scholarship

- \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship

## Application Information

To print the application form for both Scholarships or to read the procedures and deadlines visit: [somerset.rce.rutgers.edu](http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu)

Or pick one up at the Ted Blum 4-H Center located at 310 Milltown Road in Bridgewater. Phone: 908-526-6293

Mail application, transcripts, essay and have letters of recommendation sent to:

Jon Higgins, Chairman

Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship  
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All information must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>

# \$2,000 Academic Scholarship

## Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be enrolled at and in the academic rank of sophomore, junior or senior at any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the United States when receiving the scholarship.



- The applicant must be a New Jersey resident majoring in an agricultural subject area (i.e. Botany, Plant Science, Animal Science, Agronomy, Entomology, etc) or other related fields.
- The applicant must also intend to pursue a career in production agriculture or in a field related to agriculture. The applicant (or parent, if under 21) must be a current member of NJ Farm Bureau.

# \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship

## Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant (or parent, if under 21) must be a current member of NJ Farm Bureau and will be attending an accredited or approved seminar, workshop, or conference related directly to production agriculture or a field related to agriculture.
- The committee will review both the applicant and the seminar for eligibility. This scholarship will be awarded by March 1 of the following year, but will be transferred only after the successful applicant has attended the approved conference.
- Applicants in this category must be at least 18 years of age.

