

Darwin Bryan Scholarship Program

The Darwin Bryan Scholarship Fund was established by the Ohio Farm Bureau Board of Trustees in 1983 in honor of Darwin R. Bryan, whose enthusiastic leadership during his 37 years of service to the organization has been an inspiration to rural youth throughout Ohio. The objective of the scholarship fund is to assist students who have been active in the Farm Bureau Youth program and/or whose parents are Farm Bureau members to continue their education.



Scholarship Amount

Award amounts vary, the program provides a minimum \$1000 award per year.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
2. Parents of applicant (or applicant) must be Farm Bureau members for three years prior to application *or* applicant must have attended a summer Farm Bureau youth conference or have been an active member in a Farm Bureau youth council.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in one of the following courses of study:
 - An accredited high school program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - A course of study leading to completion in an accredited GED program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited two-year technical school.
 - An accredited four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited graduate program.
4. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the applicant after submission of their respective transcript detailing their grades for the first quarter or semester for the 2010-11 academic year. Transcript must show that the Applicant/Scholarship Recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA in their chosen course of study.
5. Applicant /Scholarship Recipient may reapply annually.

Selection Process

A six-member Scholarship Selection Committee will make selection of the final applicant(s). The Committee may request personal interviews of the final candidates.

Application Guidelines

All applications must be typed. Scholarship applications are available at the county Farm Bureau office or by writing to: Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, 280 North High Street, P.O. Box 182383, Columbus, OH 43218-2383.

An electronic version in Microsoft Word for Windows is available by sending an e-mail request to foundation@ofbf.org. A pdf. file of all application forms can be accessed at the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.ofbfoundation@ofbf.org.

Please include: a copy of your application, a copy of your transcript, three letters of reference (one should be a Farm Bureau reference) and a wallet size photo.

Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2012**.

Notification

Notification of scholarship winner(s) will be made by May 15, 2012.

Application for the Darwin Bryan Scholarship Program - 2012

Instructions: Application is to be completed by applicant. Answer questions completely and use extra pages where necessary. Please ensure that all materials presented reflect only specific information requested in the scholarship application.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

County Farm Bureau Membership: _____

Academic Activities & Accomplishments

High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School-Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: _____

School Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: _____

College/Technical School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: _____

School Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: _____

Community Activities, Volunteerism and Leadership Experience

Community Participation, Volunteerism, Work Experiences - List the various activities outside of school in which you have participated and leadership roles you have held.

Farm Bureau Activities and Leadership Experience

List past and present participation and/or leadership roles in county, regional and/or state Farm Bureau activities. (e.g., supported/volunteered for county projects, attended regional meetings and/or summer conferences, acted as regional cabinet representative, active as part of State Youth Committee, offices held at Regional and/or State Schools, statewide functions attended, etc.)

Required Material, References & Supplemental Information

In order for your application to be considered the following materials and information must accompany this application:

- Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) letters from adult leaders, mentors and/or educators describing the applicant's academic, community service and/or leadership experiences. *At least one letter from a past or current Farm Bureau leader or volunteer who has seen the applicant grow/develop through Farm Bureau activities.* Letters may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as a legal guardian. Contact information (at least one phone number) should be included for each reference.
- Essay - Please answer the following question in 500 words or less: Life is a journey, explain how the volunteer and leadership experiences detailed above have influenced you in your journey so far. What are your life goals and career plans? How can this scholarship provide you with resources to continue your life journey and leadership development process? Please Note – This essay should be presented as a separate application item, printed on traditional 8½ x 11 paper, double-spaced, 12 point type.
- Transcripts: Copy(ies) of you most recent High School and/or College/Technical School transcripts.
- Photo: A wallet-size photograph.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Darwin Bryan Scholarship Program is **March 1, 2012**. All applications and required supplemental materials may be sent directly to the Foundation via e-mail at foundation@ofbf.org, or be sent hard copy via U.S. Mail, postmarked by the deadline and delivered to:

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Attn: Scholarship Programs
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