GENERAL INFORMATION

The Franklin County Farm Bureau will award up to $15,000 in Scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. Individual awards will start at a minimum of $500. First year scholarship recipients will be recognized at award ceremonies at the recipients’ schools, and all recipients will be acknowledged at our Annual Meeting.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau will select recipients from the applications that meet the mandatory criteria. A scholarship selection committee, appointed by the Franklin County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees, will evaluate the scholarship applications and present their recommendations for the awards to the Board for approval. From the applications, the committee will evaluate each candidate’s academic performance, agricultural involvement and activities.

The committee reserves the right to schedule an interview with the applicant(s) if the committee deems it necessary to do so in the decision-making process.

The purpose of the scholarship program is:

* To financially assist and reward a college-bound high school senior and/or college enrolled student who intends to further their education.
* To recognize the present and future scholastic ability of young adults.
* To provide scholarships for graduating seniors and/or students pursuing undergraduate degrees. Preference will be given to those under the age of 25 as of application due date.
* To select recipients based upon merit, abilities and accomplishments, with preference given to applicants who are either active members or children of active members, those active in agriculturally related activities, and those majoring in an agriculturally related field.

Financial need does not enter into the selection process and financial information is not requested for the scholarship application.

If you need additional information, or have any questions/concerns, please contact the Franklin County Farm Bureau office at (614) 876-1274 or 800-451-8908. Office hours are weekdays, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

The complete scholarship application must be delivered, mailed, faxed or e-mailed no later than March 31, 2017 at 4:00 PM. to:

Scholarship Selection Committee

Franklin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

4647 Leap Court

P.O. Box 368

Hilliard, Ohio 43026-0368

Fax: (614) 771-8339

E-Mail: franklin@ofbf.org

# *SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES*

* Applicant must be a member of the Franklin County Farm Bureau when applying for the scholarship, or have a parent or guardian who is a Franklin County Farm Bureau member.
* Applicant must plan to attend, or be enrolled, as a full-time, undergraduate student (>=12 credit hours/semester).
* Scholarship is for a graduating senior and/or someone pursuing an undergraduate degree. Preference will be given to those under the age of 25 as of application due date.
* Grade point average : 2.50/4.00
* Twotyped references from non-family members are required. These may either accompany the application, or the referees may mail them directly to the office of the Franklin County Farm Bureau. Please make necessary copies using the enclosed recommendation form.
* Graduating high school seniors must submit a copy of their “fee paid” receipt or an acceptance letter from the university, college or technical school they will attend.
* College students must submit a copy of their “fee paid” receipt for the most recent quarter or semester completed.
* **All** high school applicants must submit a high school academic transcript.
* **All** college students who are re-applying for a scholarship must submit a current transcript from the university, college or technical school they are attending.
* Transcripts and letters of recommendations may be faxed to the Franklin County Farm Bureau office at (614) 771-8339.
* No additional pages will be reviewed.
* Previous recipients are eligible with all information submitted being current.
* Scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by March 31, 2017**, 4:00 PM**
* **All** applications, including all letters of reference, must be typed – for an electronic copy, contact the office. If applicants do not have access to computer/printer, please contact the Franklin County Farm Bureau office.