



2020 Franklin County Farm Bureau Scholarship

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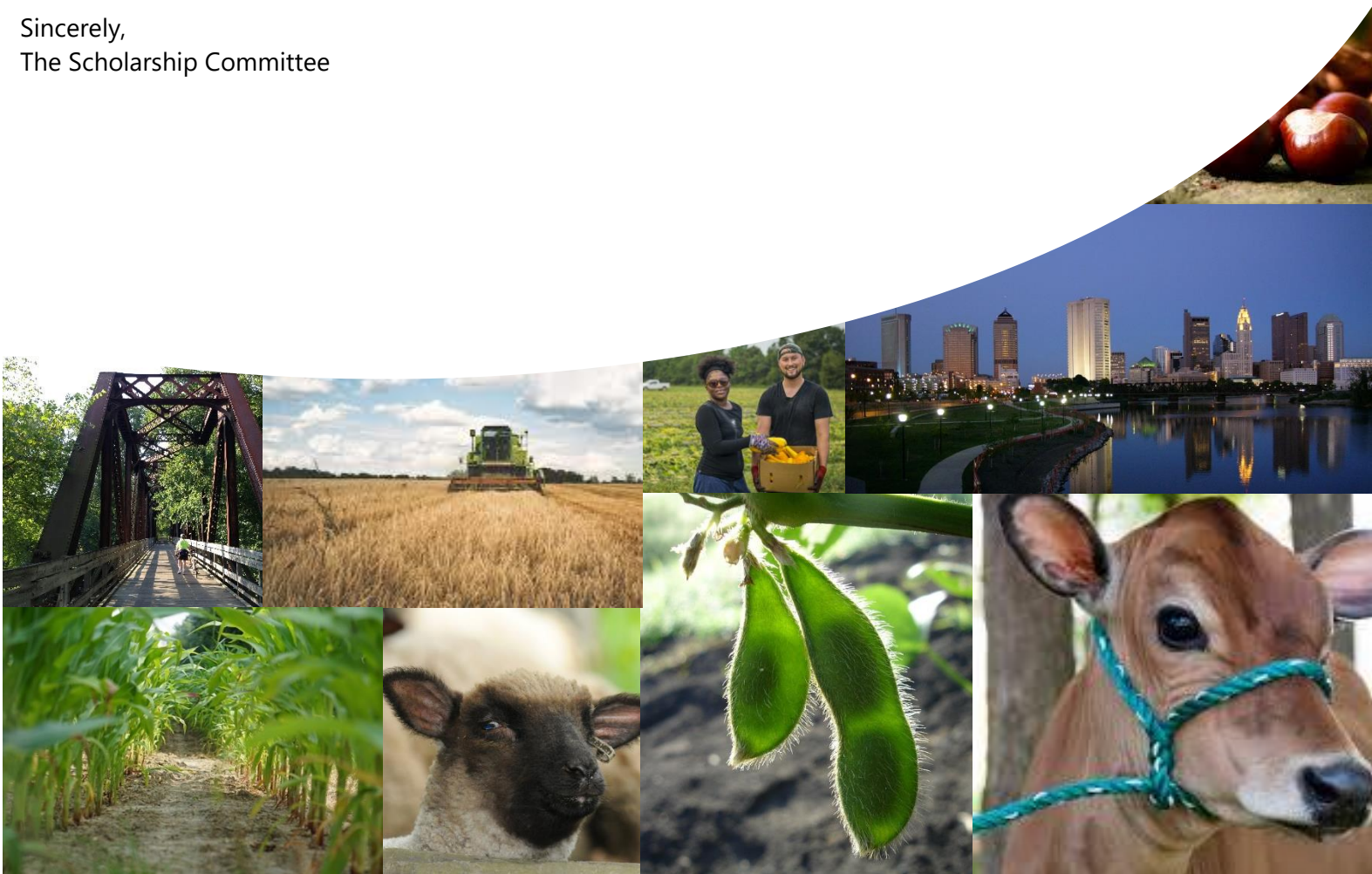
Franklin County Farm Bureau, Inc. (FCFB) is an organization that works to support Ohio's food and farm community. Part of that mission is to support the next generation of agriculturalists as they begin a new chapter in their academic career. With that in mind, FCFB began awarding the Franklin County Farm Bureau Scholarships to active members and their children.

Each year we award multiple scholarships to students studying at accredited colleges or universities that all together total nearly **\$15,000**. While we encourage all eligible students to apply, we do preference those students studying an agriculturally related field, or are involved in other agriculturally related activities.

This packet includes our Scholarship Qualifications, Scholarship Application and Letter of Recommendation Guidance. Please make sure the packet is reviewed thoroughly and that all deadlines are met. Applications that are completed after the due date will only be reviewed if any scholarship funding remains. All other records including our policy and procedures are maintained by the Franklin County Farm Bureau and can be reviewed, in-person, by request.

Thank you for your interest in the Franklin County Farm Bureau Scholarships and we eagerly await your submission.

Sincerely,
The Scholarship Committee



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Scholarship Application Requirements

Applicant Qualifications

- Applicant (or the applicant's parent/guardian) must be a member of the Franklin County Farm Bureau when applying for the scholarship
- Applicant must plan to attend, or be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student by their college or university of attendance
 - First-degree seeking, undergraduate students will be given priority consideration when determining scholarship recipients.
- Applicants may receive one (1) scholarship each academic year as determined by their college or university
 - Previous recipients are required to reapply each year for consideration
 - Previous recipients are not guaranteed a scholarship in the current or future review cycles
 - Each applicant is limited to four (4) scholarship awards over the course of their studies.
- Applicants must meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of a 2.5.
 - High School Seniors will be evaluated based on their cumulative GPA listed on their high school transcript
 - College/University students will be evaluated based on their cumulative GPA listed on their college/university transcript
 - If no GPA is listed, the Scholarship Committee will calculate a GPA based on the grades listed on the transcript as of the date the scholarship application closes
 - Transcripts submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed

Application Requirements

- Completed Scholarship Application
 - Prompts have a character limit of 1500 characters
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members dated after October 31, 2019
 - Additional information about format and submission options is listed in the *Letter of Recommendation Guidance* section after the application
 - A downloadable copy of the *Letter of Recommendation Guidance* will be available on the Franklin County Farm Bureau website
 - Previous applicants who maintain a cumulative 3.2 GPA through autumn term 2019 are not required to provide letters of recommendation
- Confirmation of Institution
 - College/University Students: Transcript that includes the most recently completed term of attendance
 - High School Seniors: Copy of their acceptance letter from college/university
 - If no acceptance letter has been received from the preferred institution, notify the Scholarship Committee via fcbscholarships@ofbf.org
- Confirmation of GPA
 - College/University Students: Transcript that includes the most recently completed term of attendance
 - High School Seniors: Copy of your current high school transcript
 - The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request a final high school transcript
 - Transcripts can be submitted directly to fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

Additional Guidance

- **All materials are due by March 15, 2020**
- All materials must be submitted to:
 - fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

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Letters of Recommendation

To our letter writers,

Franklin County Farm Bureau appreciates your assistance with our application process. To ensure that the candidate meets the application requirements please ensure the following information is included in your letter of recommendation. We strongly encourage typed recommendations on letterhead when applicable.

Please include:

- Your full name and position/title (if applicable)
- Your contact information (email and phone number is preferred)
- The applicant's full name
- Your relationship to the candidate (employer, mentor, advisor, etc.)
- How long you have known the candidate
- Why you think the candidate would be an exemplary recipient of our scholarship

Once you have completed your recommendation, all materials should be submitted to:

- fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

All letters of recommendation must be submitted no later than **March 15, 2020**. The Scholarship Committee recommends that letters be submitted directly to The Committee via the provided email, however, we will accept submissions from the applicant.

If you are experiencing issues submitting your recommendation, please contact the Franklin County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee via e-mail: fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

Thank you for supporting our exceptional candidates!

Sincerely,
The Scholarship Committee



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Scholarship Application

Applications and associated materials are due no later and 4:00 PM on March 15, 2020

Make sure to complete all sections of the application (indicated with blue bar) and sign the application. Applications must be completed on the official form and must be typed. Additional information about the scholarship and qualifications are included at the end of the application. Submit all documents to fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

Applications completed after the deadline will be considered on a funds available basis.

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership Type:

(IF NOT, COMPLETE THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION)

Farm Bureau ID#: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Farm Bureau Member: _____ Farm Bureau ID#: _____

Membership Type: _____

Education Information

High School/Secondary School Information

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ District Website: _____

College/University Information

College/University: _____

Phone Number: _____ College/University Website: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Employer Information

I am employed: _____ Hours worked per week: _____

Employer Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Employer Website: _____

Questions & Official Submissions

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Short Answer Questions

This section includes four (4) short answer prompts. These prompts will help the Scholarship Committee understand who you are, how agriculture has impacted your life and your plans for the future. Make sure to highlight any accomplishments, achievements, experiences and life circumstances that have shaped your character. The Scholarship Committee strongly encourages the responses to be clear and concise and would recommend the responses be proofread before submission.

Prompt 1: Please provide a brief biography and describe up to three of the most impactful honors or awards you have received.



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Prompt 2: Identify a challenge that the agricultural community is experiencing and how your area will study will address that issue?



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Prompt 3: Franklin County Farm Bureau supports Ohio's food and farm community. How has your involvement with Farm Bureau or other community-based groups (4-H, FFA, etc.) supported that mission?



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Signatures & Affirmation

Reminder:

- All letters of recommendation and a current transcript must be submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2019
- Graduating High School Seniors are also required to submit the acceptance letter from their intended college/university
- Submit all documents to fcbscholarships@ofbf.org

By signing and submitting this application, each applicant:

- **Affirms that all information and documents submitted are complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge**
- **Acknowledges that any applications with incomplete or altered materials may be disqualified from consideration**
- **Accepts that all decisions made by The Scholarship Committee are final**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

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Previous recipient: Yes No

If yes, how many eligibility periods remain? 1 2 3 4

Amount of Previous Award(s): Y1: _____ Y2: _____ Y3: _____

Transcript Received Date: _____ GPA: _____

Recommendation 1 Received Date: _____

Recommendation 2 Received Date: _____

College Acceptance Letter Received Date: (HS SENIORS ONLY) _____

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