Franklin County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application 2026

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*
- 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 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 are evaluated based on the cumulative GPA listed on their high school transcript. College/University students are evaluated based on the 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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS -

- Completed Scholarship Application. Prompts have a word limit of 250 words per prompt.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. Additional information about format and submission options is listed in the Letter of Recommendation Guidance included on our website. Previous applicants who maintain a cumulative 3.2 GPA through autumn term 2025 are not required to provide letters of recommendation.
- 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 franklin@ofbf.org.
- High School Seniors: Copy of your current high school transcript. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request a final high school transcript.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE -

- All materials are due by 4:00 PM on **March 12, 2026.**

* Indicates required question

1. Name *

2. Date of Birth *

   Example: January 7, 2019

3. Address *

4. Phone Number *

5. Email *

6. Are you a Farm Bureau Young Agriculture Professional member? *

   Mark only one oval.

   - Yes
   - No

7. Are your parents Farm Bureau members? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

8. Farm Bureau Membership ID number:

Educational Information

9. Highschool/ Secondary School information: *

10. Graduation date: *

Example: January 7, 2019

11. School's phone number: *

12. District website: *

College/ University Information

13. College/ University *

14. Phone number: *

15. College/ University Website: *

16. Major: *

17. Minor: *

Employer Information

18. Are you currently employed? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

19. Employer name:

20. Hours worked per week:

21. Employer website: *

22. Employer phone number: *

Short Answer Questions

This section includes three (3) short answer prompts. These prompts will help the Scholarship Committee understand who you are, how agriculture has impacted your life and your future in agriculture or another field. 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 around 250 words and recommends proofreading responses before submission.
The use of AI-generated responses is looked down upon.

23. Prompt 1 - Identify an agricultural innovation you have witnessed in action, whether on your own family farm, a neighbor's land, or during a visit to a local producer. Describe how this specific tool or practice changed the way they work and explain its potential impact on global food security. (250 words) *

24. Prompt 2 - Describe your career goals and how your future career will fit in the Agriculture industry? (For non-agriculture majors describe how your future career may impact, affect or benefit the Agriculture industry?) (250 words) *

25. Prompt 3 - Based on Farm Bureau's mission, what contributions have you made in your community through your involvement in Farm Bureau or other community-based groups (4-H, FFA, etc.) Explain Farm Bureau's mission in your response. (250 words) *

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In addition to submitting a current transcript, graduating High School Seniors are also required to submit the acceptance letter from their intended college/university.

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26. High School/ College Transcripts *

Files submitted:

27. Acceptance Letter from College/ University

    Files submitted:

28. Letter of Recommendation #1

    Files submitted:

29. Letter of Recommendation #2

    Files submitted:

Important Information & Reminders:

- Scholarship recipients will receive notification of selection by May 1, 2026.

By submitting this application each applicant:

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

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