Iowa Farm Bureau
Scholarship Application

Due February 26, 2021

Instructions

1. Read the Iowa Farm Bureau Program Guidelines carefully to determine eligibility before completing application.
2. Application **must be typed -** Adobe Acrobat Reader required to type in form. **Click here to download for free.**
3. Make sure all portions of the application are complete and include ***all*** requested enclosures. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. Applicant and parent/guardian must both sign the application.
5. Return this application to your **local County Farm Bureau office by February 26th** (*do not* send to the state office).
6. Students who hold a Farm Bureau membership in more than one county can only submit one application to a county Farm Bureau office within the state of Iowa.

PART I: Applicant Information

Please type or print.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Permanent Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. (_____)_____ E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Farm Bureau (FB) County: _____ FB Membership #:_____

(learn how to become a member at www.iowafarmbureau.com/join)

How long have you and/or your parents been a FB member(s): _____

PART II: Academic Information:

High School:_____Expected Graduation Date:_____

College Preference:_____ Program Length: _____

Major Study Area:_____ Minor Study Area:_____

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)*: _____

Composite Score (if applicable)*: [SAT]_____ [ACT]_____ [Asset/Compass]_____

Other: _____

***GPA and/or a SAT, ACT or COMPASS score is required.**

***Official, sealed transcripts are required; unofficial transcripts will *not* be accepted.**

Applicant Name_____

PART III: Extracurricular Activities

Securely attach additional sheets if necessary.

List membership in school-related organizations (i.e. Honor Society, FFA, 4-H, Student Council, etc.):

List leadership positions and/or leadership activities held during high school:

List activities that demonstrate your community involvement and volunteer efforts:

List any achievements and accomplishments, including awards you have received:

List job experience (i.e. after school, summer work, etc.):

Applicant Name_____

PART IV: Financial Information

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? _____ Yes _____No

If you have not completed the FASFA, do you have any unusual financial circumstances? (Please explain.) _____

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Do you have a scholarship tuition waiver for the upcoming school year?_____ Yes _____No _____ I am awaiting confirmation (Please indicate the name of the waiver, amount, and if you are waiting for a decision on a scholarship and/or tuition waiver):

Name of Scholarship and/or Waiver	**Amount**
_____	_____
_____	_____

Number of family members your parents still provide over 50 percent financial support _____

Number of family members who will be enrolled in college during the 2021-22 school year (including yourself) _____

Do you/will you work during the school year to help support your education? _____ Yes _____No

PART IV: Essay

Write a brief essay describing your commitment to the future vitality of agriculture and rural Iowa. Essay *must be* typewritten, and should *not* exceed two pages. (Evidence of plagiarism will result in disqualification.) Essay must include:

- How your education and field of study will help you support the mission of Iowa Farm Bureau which is to create a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families, and their communities;
- What/how your future plans will support rural Iowa and the vitality of agriculture;
- Why agriculture is important to you and your family; and
- Why you are a good investment to Farm Bureau if you are selected for this scholarship.

PART V: Letters of Reference

Include two character reference letters from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy (do not include relatives).

PART VI: Required Enclosures

Completed applications must include the following to be considered:

- typewritten application and essay (*not* to exceed two pages)
- official, sealed transcripts
- photo (minimum wallet size suitable for publication - head shot only)
- copy of Farm Bureau membership card. If you are not a current member go to www.iowafarmbureau/join or call 866-598-3693.

PART VII: Signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant Iowa Farm Bureau the right to use my name, photograph and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for the Farm Bureau scholarship, I have not plagiarized, and that I have only submitted my application to one county Farm Bureau office.

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant Date

_____ _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

IMPORTANT: Applicant and a parent/guardian must both sign the application.

APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE AND BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 (go to www.iowafarmbureau.com/contact for address information)

Applicant Name_____

Before mailing this application please check for the following:

- ❒ I have completed the APPLICANT INFORMATION section
- ❒ I have completed the ACADEMIC INFORMATION section
- ❒ I have completed the EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES section
- ❒ I have completed the FINANCIAL INFORMATION section
- ❒ I have enclosed my ESSAY
- ❒ I have enclosed two LETTERS OF REFERENCE
- ❒ I have enclosed OFFICIAL, SEALED TRANSCRIPTS
- ❒ I have enclosed a HEAD SHOT PHOTO of myself suitable for publication
- ❒ I have enclosed a copy of my CURRENT FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP CARD
- ❒ I have SIGNED MY APPLICATION
- ❒ My PARENT OR GUARDIAN has signed my application
- ❒ I have read and understand the APPLICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES
- ❒ Return this application to your **LOCAL COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE** no later than February 26th. Applications sent to the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) state office **will not be considered**. To find you local county Farm Bureau, go to **www.iowafarmbureau.com/contact**.

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