

Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship Program

Application Program Guidelines



Eligibility:

1. Application **must be submitted through the** online Iowa Farm Bureau portal. [Click here to apply](#).
2. Students must complete the application and upload **all** required documents **by Wednesday, January 31, 2024**.
3. Students or a parent/guardian must be a current Farm Bureau member **and** reside in Iowa.
4. Applicants **must** apply in the county where the Farm Bureau membership is held. **If he/she has a membership in more than one county** – the application can only be submitted to **one** county Farm Bureau office within the state of Iowa. For more information and to become a member go to www.iowafarmbureau.com/join.
5. Students must be in good standing with the county Farm Bureau and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF).
6. Students must be a graduating high school student with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on 4.0 scale or equivalent. **College and graduate students are not eligible to apply.**
7. Current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is *required*.
8. Students must be accepted into an accredited institution of higher education (i.e., Technical College, Junior College, Community College, College or University).
9. Must be seeking a major and/or minor in an ag-related field or one that will support rural Iowa.
10. Students must be involved in school activities (i.e., 4-H, FFA, Honor Society, Student Council, etc.).
11. Students must demonstrate leadership abilities, community involvement and volunteer efforts.
12. Students must submit an essay outlining commitment to agriculture and rural Iowa (not to exceed 1,000 words).
13. Current high school transcripts are required; a signature by an authorized school official or identified with a school seal/logo is preferred.
14. Two-character reference letters from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy are required.

Additional Scholarships: *

1. **Daniel Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student who is pursuing an agricultural degree and lives in District 7 (Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, Wapello, Washington, and Van Buren counties).

2. **Edward W. & Isabelle M. Klodt Memorial Scholarship**

Students who are from Wapello County are eligible for this \$500 scholarship.

**These non-renewable scholarships are awarded only one year and will be disbursed to the college or university prior to fall semester.*

Selection Process:

1. Students will complete the online Iowa Farm Bureau scholarship application and ensure **all** required documents are included **by Wednesday, January 31, 2024**.
2. Local county Farm Bureau offices will select recipients of the county Farm Bureau Scholarship (if applicable) and **one** applicant to be considered at the state level for the IFBF Scholarship by **March 15**; three applicants per district (27 total) will be selected for the IFBF Renewable Scholarship.
3. Recipients will be notified by their county Farm Bureau for the county-level scholarship (if applicable) and by the IFBF if they will receive the renewable state scholarship award.

Scholarship Levels: **

State scholarship winners will receive \$2,500 from the IFBF; this amount is renewable on an annual basis pending application review until graduating (amount not to exceed \$10,000).

Disbursement of Funds: **

The state scholarship from the IFBF is applied to tuition fees only; consideration will be given if a student is on an unpaid internship, clinicals, or rotations (includes global). The total amount of **\$2,500 will be split into two payments** (\$1,250 paid in July before fall semester and \$1,250 paid in December before spring semester) to the accredited university, institution, etc. until the student graduates (amount not to exceed \$10,000).

****Many county Farm Bureaus offer a scholarship program at the local level. To learn more about opportunities within your respective county, including scholarship amounts and disbursement of funds, please contact your county Farm Bureau office.**

Go to www.iowafarmbureau.com/contact for contact information.

Questions? Contact the Iowa Farm Bureau Community Resources Office at 515-225-5461