

2024

**FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

You Could Be Awarded \$20,000

INTRODUCTION

Mission: *Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. began in 1996 as a non-profit organization seeking to make a difference in students' lives and in our local community's future. Our goal is to identify, through a competitive application and interview process, Fayette County students who have excelled in academic, extracurricular, and/or agricultural activities, and who are likely to make an impact on our present and future Bluegrass Area. We provide scholarship support to selected individuals for a maximum of eight consecutive semesters of undergraduate studies.*

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

The Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. awards a maximum of \$20,000 in the amount of \$5,000 per year. The scholarship recipient must demonstrate measurable academic progress toward earning a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university. Scholarships can be applied to tuition, housing, books, etc. Payments are made directly to the college of your choice. Scholarship committee decisions regarding award renewal are final.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, applicants must reside in and attend school in Fayette County.

Each applicant must also:

- Be a high school senior
- Be a member of Fayette County Farm Bureau. (If you are not a member, you or your family may join FCFB prior to your application submission.) You must maintain your membership while your scholarship is in force.
- Have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- If taken the SAT or ACT please list your scores, however no minimum will be required for application.
- Enclose an official high school transcript.
- Enclose a letter of recommendation from a school counselor or teacher.
- Complete the scholarship application, including the essay.
- **If invited** to an interview, applicants will be contacted to set up an interview time.

Please note:

- The scholarship committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. and will not be returned.
- Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation Inc. scholarship program is open to qualified applicants without regard to race, creed, color, gender, national or ethnic origin.

This application may also be accessed and downloaded at www.fayettecofarmbureau.com

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2024

All application materials must be postmarked by **MARCH 22, 2024**. Applications may be sent well ahead of deadline, but no applications will be accepted after this date. Completed applications and supporting materials may be hand-delivered or mailed to:

Fayette County Farm Bureau, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1316 Versailles Rd, Lexington, KY 40504.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please print or type all information on this application. Attached sheets may be typed.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street# & Street Name) (City/State) (Zip Code)

Applicant Cell Phone # _____ If applicable Parent Cell # _____

County _____ Applicant E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Parents' Names _____

Farm Bureau Membership # _____ In Whose Name _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Are you pursuing a four-year degree: Yes No Career Choice: _____

Level of high school course work: Advanced Honors Basic Other

Unweighted GPA: _____ Weighted GPA _____

***GPA is based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth.

ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____ Class Rank/ Class Size _____

Were you a Kentucky Governor's Scholar? Yes No

High School: _____ Date of Awards Night: _____

Counselor: _____ Phone : () _____

Counselor Signature: _____

YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

- An official high school transcript
- Copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores if applicable
- Letter of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity, from a school official, teacher or counselor.
- Short answer section (see description under short answer section).

WORK EXPERIENCE

<i>Describe jobs you hold or have held during high school. (Include responsibilities to family farm or business.)</i>	<i>What are/were your hours per week and for the school year?</i>	<i>Dates of Employment From: To:</i>

SCHOOL CLUBS AND OFFICES

<i>List school clubs, offices, organizations, etc. in which you have participated.</i>	<i>Check the years you have participated.</i>				<i>Indicate the offices or leadership positions held.</i>
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OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<i>List community groups, social groups or other extra-curricular activities in which you have participated.</i>	<i>Describe the amount of time you have participated in each.</i>	<i>Indicate the offices or leadership positions held.</i>

Note: One additional sheet may be attached highlighting work experience, school clubs and offices or other extra-curricular activities.

Did you participate in the Kentucky Farm Bureau IFAL (Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders) Program? Yes No

Have you participated in the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth or Variety contests? Yes No

SHORT ANSWER SECTION

This section should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and explain each of the following in detail:

- Which university or college you plan to attend and why.
- What is your professional goals statement.
- Outline your 10 year plan.
- Describe any past, present, or future agricultural interest or background.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD RECIPIENT

- Recipient may enter any accredited college and must pursue a four-year course of study.
- Recipient must enter college as a beginning freshman no later than the fall semester following high school graduation, unless a circumstance beyond the student's control, such as serious illness or injury, prevents enrolling at that time. In such a case, recipient must enter college by the spring semester of the following year or the scholarship will go to the first alternate.
- Dropping out of school, except for serious illness or injury, shall cause the recipient to lose the scholarship. The remaining award will then go to the first alternate.
- Recipient must be a full-time student each semester unless an exception is requested in writing and approved.
- Recipient must demonstrate normal progress toward a 4-year undergraduate degree (Minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) from an accredited college or university.
- Recipient must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher, with no semester falling below a 2.5 GPA or they will forfeit the award.
- Recipient must provide the Scholarship Committee with an official, updated transcript at the end of each semester.
- Once transcripts have been received, reviewed, and approved the scholarship checks will be released.
- Recipient is required to attend at least 2 Fayette County Farm Bureau events per year.
- Recipient is required to notify the Fayette County Farm Bureau office of graduation date plans.
- Recipient is to provide Fayette County Farm Bureau office with a 5x7 photo to use for promotional purposes.

ABOUT THE FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

Monies for the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. Scholarship have been raised through the leadership of the Fayette County Farm Bureau directors. Past and present directors and other volunteers conduct a Farm Machinery Consignment Auction each year with all of the proceeds going towards the scholarship program. To date the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. has awarded over \$1 Million in scholarship monies. The Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. administers this \$20,000 scholarship and will annually select qualified recipient(s).

Please note the following...

The applicants will be notified by email and/or phone to set up an interview time. The scholarship winner will be listed in Fayette County Farm Bureau annual newsletter and possibly the Lexington Herald Leader. The recipient will also be presented to the full Board during a monthly Board meeting.