

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation General Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to outstanding high school seniors, or college students, who are members or dependents of members in good standing of the Will County Farm Bureau. Selected individuals will receive up to \$1500.00 in scholarships based on financial need, scholastic ability, and service/activities of the applicant in school, church, and community.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. All Application information **must be typed on the form provided. Re-creations will not be accepted.** An electronic version is available online at: www.willcfb.com. Do NOT print on both sides of the paper. Resumes and letters of referral are not accepted. Call the Farm Bureau office with any questions/concerns at 815-727-4811 or email tracey@willcfb.com
2. To be eligible for a scholarship, parents of scholarship applicants or the applicant him or herself must be members of the Will County Farm Bureau in good standing **before** January 1, 2024. Anyone 23 years of age and older must have their own Will County Farm Bureau membership to apply. Students will qualify from their parent's years in Farm Bureau as long as membership is requested at age 23. This scholarship is for any college or accredited school of higher learning or technology.
3. If a person has been awarded either scholarship offered by the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation in 2023 and the monies were distributed, they will not be eligible for either scholarship for 2024.
4. If an applicant receives a 2024 scholarship offered by the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation, they will not be eligible for any Will County Farm Bureau scholarship for the following year (2025).
5. DEADLINE RULES: The deadline for scholarships will be determined by the Foundation Board of Directors. The deadline for the 2024 scholarship application will be **March 4, 2024. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** All applications must be postmarked and/or hand delivered to the Farm Bureau office on or before the deadline date. If all information requested is not present with the application on or before the deadline date, the application will be considered incomplete.
6. The Foundation Scholarship committee will review the applications in March and will notify the designated winners in April. All applications are judged on with personal identifiers removed. The decision of the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Board of Directors will be final.
7. Please note: **College freshmen will not receive their payment of scholarship funds before December 1st, 2024, and will be applied to their second semester.** College enrollment is verified after September 1st, 2024, and scholarships are not paid until verifications are received. All other scholarship payments (Sophomore-Doctorate) will be made no earlier than August 15th, 2024. You must be in college for the 2024-25 school year and not graduated to receive the 2024 scholarship. The check will be sent directly to the school of enrollment and may be applied to tuition, room and board, or college fees.
8. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be determined at the Foundation Annual meeting by the Foundation Board of Directors. **This year, twenty-six (26)-\$1,500.00 scholarships will be provided to high school seniors and twenty-six (26) - \$1500.00 scholarships will be provided to college students completing their sophomore year through possible doctorate.**
9. If a person on the Board of Directors of the Foundation Committee has a relative applying for a scholarship, they will not rate that application on the final evaluation.
10. Applications are to be delivered/ mailed to the following location: Will County Farm Bureau Foundation, 100 Manhattan Rd., Joliet, IL 60433

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

WILL COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2024

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED/ TYPED ON THE COMPUTER USING THIS FORM ONLY. NO OTHER FORMATS WILL BE ACCEPTED. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **MARCH 4, 2024**. EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. **HANDWRITTEN** APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER **MARCH 4, 2024**, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

High School Senior Application _____ Sophomore-Doctorate Application _____

Date of this Application (MM/DD/YY) _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are your parents, or legal guardian(s) member(s) of the Will County Farm Bureau?

Yes _____ No _____ Membership Number: 098-_____

Member(s) Name(s): _____

(If applicable: Include **both** parents' names)

*** Handwritten Signature required to submit application:

Applicant's Signature: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

When not in school, do you reside with your parents? Yes _____ No _____

If not, with whom? _____

How many others in your immediate family are now in some type of higher education? _____

Father's Occupation _____ Full or Part Time? _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Full or Part Time? _____

Current GPA: _____ What is the school's GPA scale? _____

High School: _____

Month & Year of Graduation: _____

School Attended in 2023-24. If none, state what schooling you have had & from where. Include dates.

College attending in the fall of 2024: _____

Major: _____

Sophomore-Doctorate Applicants Only: Year in college as of fall 2024: _____

Have you applied for and/or do you have any pending scholarships/grants at this time? Include dollar amounts and how the dollars will be disbursed (1 time, annually, etc.). What is your financial need to attend college next year, and how do you plan to pay for your college education ie: Tuition, Cost of room and board, books?

Please make sure your answer is visible in the box provided.

ESSAY: Please make sure your answer is visible in the box provided.

Why do you feel you should be awarded a Will County Farm Bureau scholarship? Include in your essay, information about your extracurricular activities, honors received, and jobs if applicable. (College Freshman can include high school activities.) Relay your career plans after completion of your college education. **Limit your response to 400 words or less.**

Transcripts

High School senior applicants: Attach official transcripts (include JJC transcripts if applicable). This should include ACT &/or SAT, or equivalent test scores (please note- not all schools automatically add this to your transcripts)

Sophomore-Doctorate Applicants: attach a current transcript from all schools of higher education. These do not need to be official transcripts.

This application will not be considered if transcripts are not delivered before the deadline date.

Will County Farm Bureau Foundation Check List for Applicant Use

_____ Completed Application

- Make sure application is dated & signed
- Do **NOT** print on both sides of the paper
- Resumes & Letters of Referral are not accepted

_____ Transcript

- **High School Seniors will need to attach an official transcript (no copies) and official ACT\SAT or equivalent test scores with the application.**
- College students will need to attach a current transcript from all schools of higher education they have attended. These do not need to be official transcripts.

_____ Delivery

- All applications must be postmarked and/or hand delivered to the Will County Farm Bureau Foundation office, 100 Manhattan Rd., Joliet, IL 60433, on or before the deadline date of **March 4, 2024**. **Emailed applications will NOT be accepted!**
- **No late applications will be accepted!**