

South Dakota Farm Bureau 2024 Scholarship

South Dakota Farm Bureau is dedicated to agriculture in our state. This scholarship is to celebrate youth that have a passion for agriculture and their rural communities. We want to award scholarships to youth who are planning on returning to rural communities to work. Applicants can choose to be considered for an agriculture-focus **or** community-focus scholarship, depending on their major and/or experience with agriculture.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Applicant, applicant's parents or guardians must be a current member of South Dakota Farm Bureau and must have been a member for 2 years.
2. Scholarship applicants are not allowed to receive this scholarship award more than once.
3. Must be accepted by an accredited school of higher learning and planning to study a minimum of one year as a full-time student.
4. Must be 17 years of age or older, a high school graduate or a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. If still in high school, must have an expected graduation date of Spring 2024.
5. Applications from high school seniors must include a copy of most recent ACT score. All applicants must include current transcript with grade point average.
6. Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.
7. Scholarship is applied toward tuition fees only and will be awarded after the first semester.

The following information will be considered in selecting Scholarship recipients:

- o Work experience, leadership abilities and involvement in activities.
- o Agriculture impacts all areas of our daily lives. How will your chosen career path affect production agriculture or rural America?
- o Academic performance, honors, and ACT score.
- o Two CURRENT letters of recommendation, (1 Academic, 1 Personal) with the authors contact information (phone and email), that demonstrate the student's moral character and potential for successful completion of a course of study. **Letters must be dated.**

REQUIRED! Please include with your application:

1. Official high school transcript and ACT scores, or current official college transcript.
2. Current resume that highlights work experience, involvement in school and community activities and leadership roles. (Example at www.sdfbf.org)
3. Completed answers to 3 scholarship essay questions (below).
4. Two dated letters of recommendation.
5. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the qualified school you are planning to attend. College students, please include a letter from qualifying school confirming your enrollment.

Please mail your completed application to:

South Dakota Farm Bureau
PO Box 1426
Huron, SD 57350

**Applications & supporting materials must be received at the
SDFB office no later than March 1, 2024.**

South Dakota Farm Bureau 2024 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

****Only 1 May Be Chosen****

_____ *I would like to be considered for the **Agriculture** Focus Scholarship*
My major will be: _____

OR

_____ *I would like to be considered for the **Community** Focus Scholarship*
My major will be: _____

Date

County of Farm Bureau Membership

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Parent / Guardian Names

SDFB Membership No.

Name of High School & Year of Graduation

Name of College/Post-Secondary School you are currently attending;
or Name of College/Post-Secondary School to which you have been accepted & plan to attend

Major course of study selected

Please answer the following three questions, attaching up to two additional pages if more room
if needed.

1) Agriculture impacts all areas of our daily lives. How will your chosen career path affect rural America?

2) South Dakota Farm Bureau's mission is *Your Trusted Leader in Agriculture*. How has South Dakota Farm Bureau impacted you or your family's lives?

3) Highlight any work, leadership or activities that you share on your resume.

South Dakota Farm Bureau Scholarship Recipient Agreement

Should you receive this scholarship, the money will be paid to the school you are attending at the end of the first semester, provided the following requirements are met:

I agree that if I receive this scholarship, I must:

1. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
2. Complete at least 30 credit hours per academic year, unless the Scholarship Fund Committee grants special written permission.
3. Provide an official transcript of credits and grades at the end of the fall semester.
4. Make notification of the school I will be attending.
5. Make notification if I transfer to another school.

Student Signature (Required)

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (Required)

***REMINDER: Please double check that all REQUIREMENTS of the scholarship application are completed. If any requirements are missing, the application will be automatically disqualified.**