



MISSOURI FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
2025 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES
& APPLICATION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture will award **four - \$500 scholarships** to students pursuing appropriate certification in fields related to and supportive of agriculture. This includes, but is not limited to: 1) Heavy Equipment Operations; 2) Electronics; 3) Welding; and 4) Diesel and Farm Machinery Repair.

NOTE: Students pursuing a 4-year degree are not eligible.

This program is a service to Farm Bureau members thus all applicants, their parent(s), or guardian must hold an active membership in Missouri Farm Bureau.

Each recipient must be enrolled in a Missouri institution as a full-time student starting the fall semester of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Applicants must be a student in good academic standing and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students who are currently enrolled in the program, or students graduating from high school, may make application for the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be:

- Missouri residents and they, their parent(s) or guardians must hold a current Farm Bureau membership.
- Enrolled as a full-time student.
- Enrolled for the school year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Pursuing an associate of applied science degree or certification in a trade related to agriculture as listed above.

Those receiving their high school credentials through General Educational Development (GED) must be in the upper 50 percentile rank score in respect to the population of high school seniors across the United States on a standardized high school equivalency exam.

All applicants must submit 1) a letter of recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, or administrator); 2) a letter of personal reference; 3) a letter of recommendation from an employer or work supervisor (if applicable); 4) and a copy of the high school transcript or GED Certificate.

Neither members of the State Board of Directors, employees of Missouri Farm Bureau and Affiliates nor their children are eligible for this scholarship.

SELECTION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

The selection criteria used to evaluate applications for award will be based upon the following:

- Farm Bureau membership.
- Intent to pursue a trade related to agriculture as a career.
- Aptitude toward these related fields as demonstrated through academic achievement in related courses, vocational student organization involvement, and work history where applicable.
- Ability to communicate clearly defined personal goals in a career related to or supporting agriculture.
- Leadership demonstrated through participation in extracurricular activities and community involvement.
- Priority is given to first time applicants, but individuals previously awarded this scholarship may reapply.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The stipend will be paid directly to the respective student upon verified enrollment. The scholarship may be applied toward the cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other needs associated with a student's education in the selected field.

STIPULATIONS

Upon accepting the scholarship, the student agrees to remain enrolled on a full-time basis, attend classes regularly, and maintain a satisfactory academic standing.

The recipient must allow their name to be published in local newspapers and the Missouri Farm Bureau Show-Me Magazine.

Complete application packets must be postmarked by MARCH 31, 2025.

Mail completed application packet to:

Vocational Scholarships, attn: Jennifer Poindexter
Missouri Farm Bureau
701 S. Country Club Drive/PO Box 658
Jefferson City, MO 65102

For additional information contact:

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MISSOURI FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parents Name: _____

Farm Bureau Membership Number: _____ County: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

High School attended: _____

Address of school: (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Graduated: Yes _____ No _____ GED: Yes _____ No _____ Grade Point Average (include scale): _____

Did you attend college? Yes _____ No _____ Name of College: _____

Address of College: (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Vocational School at which you have been accepted: _____

Address of School (Street, City, State and Zip): _____

Intended major/ field of study: _____

GPA if currently enrolled (include scale): _____ Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____

Estimated cost per year for tuition, books, fees and living expenses: _____

Briefly share why you have chosen this field of study and how it will benefit agriculture:

Describe your future goals:

Extracurricular activities and community involvement:

Why do you feel you should be selected to receive this \$500 Scholarship?

Local Newspaper _____ Local Radio Station _____
Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Application packets must include the following: (1) Official application form; (2) Letters of recommendation from (teacher, counselor or school administrator); (3) a letter of personal reference; (4) and a letter from an employer or work supervisor (if applicable); (5) copy of high school or college transcript.

