



2021 Scholarship Guidelines

Online Application: www.wcfbfoundation.org/scholarships

Statement of Purpose

The Whiteside County Farm Bureau® Foundation strives to recognize students for their academic, school and community performance while in high school and college. The recognition is in the form of a scholarship to the student's school of choice.

Eligibility

To apply for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be an individual member or a dependent of a continual member in good standing of the Whiteside County Farm Bureau since **October 1, 2020**.
- Have their own membership if 22 years and older.
- Be enrolled in an accredited four-year college, university, or trade school for the fall semester.
- Be pursuing a field of study related to agriculture, science, or any field of study.

How to Apply

The application must be completed in its entirety and all related academic history, including a high school/college transcript and letters of recommendation must be received by the Whiteside County Farm Bureau Foundation by the deadline. Failure to follow the scholarship guidelines may result in ineligibility.

A completed application must include the following:

- Completed application – Sections A, B and C
- Photograph of applicant
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Resume: refer to the example on the Foundation website, www.wcfbfoundation.org/scholarships
- High school or college official transcript
- Students must complete the online application. The application link will be posted in all promotional materials.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the required

Scholarship Conditions

Upon being awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- Enroll as a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) student for 2021 fall semester.
- Maintain a Whiteside County Farm Bureau membership in good standing.
- Provide a photograph for Farm Bureau publicity.

Selection of Recipients

- An impartial committee composed of Farm Bureau members selects the recipients soon after the application deadline.
- In evaluating applications, the committee will ensure applicants first meet all eligibility requirements and then consider the application's content.
- Evaluation criteria will include academic performance, school activities and leadership experience, essays, involvement in non- school community activities, and letters of recommendation.
- Awards are not based on financial need.



Payment of Scholarship and Coverage

- The \$2,500 will be awarded for one year with one-half applied the fall semester and the remainder the spring semester.
- Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the recipient’s school to be applied toward college expenses; tuition and fees, room board, books and course supplies and fees.
- The payment will be sent on or before July 31, 2021.
- Applicants may reapply during the next scholarship term.

Application Deadline

The application deadline, including letters of reference, is Friday, March 5, 2021.

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