



2023 Scholarship Guidelines

Online Application: www.wcfbagfoundation.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 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.
- **NEW for 2023:** the Farm Bureau membership requirement has been dropped. However, an applicant may be eligible for a maximum of up to three bonus points for having a current membership. To be eligible for the bonus point consideration, either the applicant or a parent/guardian must have an active membership by **March 1, 2023**.

Award Policy

- Applicants may be awarded a maximum of \$5,000 in scholarship funds during their post-high school academic career.

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.

- Resume: refer to the example on the Foundation website, www.wcfbagfoundation.org/scholarships
- High school or college official transcript. Have transcript sent to address at the end of this document.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure letters are sent.

Scholarship Conditions

Upon being awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- Enroll as a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) student for 2023 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

- Scholarships will be awarded for one year with one-half applied the fall semester and the remainder the spring semester.
- Funds 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, 2023.
- Applicants may reapply during the next scholarship term.

Application Deadline

The application deadline, including letters of reference, is **Friday, April 7, 2023**.

Direct transcript and all inquiries to:

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