



EDGE Ag Solutions
Future of Agriculture & Skilled Trades Scholarship Application

Scholarship Amount: \$500

Eligibility: Graduating Senior – Southwest Valley High School

Application Deadline: April 30, 2026

Scholarship Description:

EDGE Ag Solutions is proud to support the next generation of agriculture and skilled trade professionals from Southwest Iowa through the Future of Agriculture & Skilled Trades Scholarship.

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior from Southwest Valley High School who plans to pursue a career in agriculture or a skilled trade that supports rural communities.

EDGE Ag Solutions recognizes that the future of Southwest Iowa depends not only on farmers and agronomists, but also on the tradespeople who keep rural operations running, including mechanics, electricians, welders, HVAC technicians, equipment operators, and more.

Rather than focusing strictly on GPA or academic rankings, this scholarship is intended for students who demonstrate strong work ethic, practical skills, community values, and a genuine desire to return to Southwest Iowa after completing their education or training. EDGE Ag Solutions believes success in agriculture and trades are built on grit, character, and work ethic - not GPA alone.

Our goal is to invest in individuals who will live, work, and contribute back to the rural communities that raised them.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior of Southwest Valley High School
- Plan to enroll in a college, trade school, or certification program
- Be pursuing a career in agriculture or a skilled trade
- Demonstrate interest in returning to Southwest Iowa

Submit applications to:

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Basic Information

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Intended College / Trade School:

Program / Major / Certification:

Length of Program:

Work & Agriculture / Trade Experience

Describe your involvement in agriculture and/or skilled trades (farm work, part-time jobs, internships, shop classes, family operations, etc.).

Future Plans

What are your career goals after completing your education or training?

Do you plan to return to Southwest Iowa? If yes, explain why and how you hope to contribute to the area.

Work Ethic & Character

What does having a strong work ethic mean to you? Provide real-life examples.

Describe a challenge you've faced that required perseverance or responsibility.

Community Impact

How have you contributed to your school or community?

Why is it important for young people to return to and invest in rural communities?

Open-ended Question

- 1) What does the future of agriculture and skilled trades look like in rural communities, and what role do you hope to play in it?
- 2) Where do you see yourself living and working five years after completing your education or training?

References

Please provide two references (non-family members):

1. Name & Title:

Phone/Email:

2. Name & Title:

Phone/Email:

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature:

Date:
