

# Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship Program



## Eligibility

- Application **must be submitted through the** online Iowa Farm Bureau portal. [Click here to apply.](#)
- Students must complete the application and upload **all** required documents **by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.**
- Students or a parent/guardian must be a current Farm Bureau member **and** reside in Iowa.
- Applicants **must** apply in the county where the Farm Bureau membership is held. ***If he/she has a membership in more than one county*** – the application can only be submitted to **one** county Farm Bureau office within the state of Iowa. For more information and to become a member go to [www.iowafarmbureau.com/join](http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/join).
- Students must be in good standing with the county Farm Bureau and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF).
- Students must be a graduating high school student with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on 4.0 scale or equivalent. **College and graduate students are not eligible to apply.**
- Current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is *required*.
- Students must be accepted into an accredited institution of higher education (i.e., Technical College, Junior College, Community College, College or University).
- Must be seeking a major and/or minor in an ag-related field or one that will support rural Iowa.
- Students must be involved in school activities (i.e., 4-H, FFA, Honor Society, Student Council, etc.).
- Students must demonstrate leadership abilities, community involvement and volunteer efforts.
- Students must submit an essay outlining commitment to agriculture and rural Iowa (not to exceed 1,000 words).
- Current high school transcripts are required; a signature by an authorized school official or identified with a school seal/logo is preferred.
- Two-character reference letters from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy are required.

## Available Scholarships

### **1. Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) State Scholarships**

IFBF will award 27 graduating high school seniors from Iowa (three from each of IFBF's nine districts) a \$2,500 scholarship, renewable for four years (up to \$10,000 per recipient) that is ***applied to tuition fees only***; to qualify for the IFBF scholarship renewal, the recipient must continue to meet the scholarship requirements annually.

### **2. Local County Farm Bureau Scholarships**

Taylor County Farm Bureau will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships for students who meet the above criteria. They will also be awarding one \$1,000 scholarship specifically to a student who will be attending a technical or trades school. The only change in requirement is the student will need to GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Selection Process/Disbursement Dates:

- Students need to complete and submit only **one** online application **by Wednesday, January 31, 2024**, to be considered for all Iowa Farm Bureau scholarships.
- Taylor County Farm Bureau offices will select recipients of the local Farm Bureau Scholarships (if applicable) and **one** application that will be forwarded for consideration of the IFBF State Scholarships by **March 15**; three applicants per district (27 total) will be selected for the IFBF Renewable Scholarships. Recipients who meet eligibility requirements for the Memorial Scholarships will also be selected from this applicant pool.
- All Iowa Farm Bureau scholarship recipients will be notified by **April 25**; renewal information and disbursement dates will be included.

***Questions? Contact the Iowa Farm Bureau Community Resources Office at 515-225-5461***