



The application period is from December 1, 2022 through February 15, 2023.

COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Application deadline: February 15, 2023

The objective of the Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation's scholarship program is to provide scholarships to college students who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related (or food and fiber) course of study. The General Scholarships are for members of Cook County Farm Bureau with the CONSERV FS scholarship being the exception to that guideline. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of exceptional scholastic ability and financial need. Awards will be sent to the school in recipient's name and must be used for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please check below the scholarships applying for based on eligibility guidelines found on page 1.

☐ General Scholarship (Cook County Farm Bureau membership required for 1 year minimum.)

☐ Conserv FS Ag Career Scholarship (Cook County Farm Bureau membership is not required)

☐ Stuenkel Family Scholarship (Cook County Farm Bureau membership required when submitting application)

Section 1 Personal Information and Eligibility Guidelines

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail address _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Cook County Farm Bureau Membership Number _____

Immediate Family has been a CCFB member since _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent's Occupation(s): _____

What is the name and address of your local Newspaper?

Name: _____

Address: _____

All applicants must meet these guidelines:

1. Must be a high school graduate.
2. See eligibility cover sheet for the various criteria and guidelines depending on the scholarship offered.
3. Any recipient over the age of 22 MUST have their own membership in the Cook County Farm Bureau.
4. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college.
5. Must exhibit potential for successful completion course of study in an agricultural related field.
6. The scholarship will be available to you for 1 year beginning with the fall 2022 college semester.
7. May not be a spouse, child, sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of a CCFB Foundation Board of Director or employee.
8. Applications must be typed and postmarked by **February 15, 2023, no exceptions.**
9. Applications must be complete or significant deductions will result.

IMPORTANT

You are responsible for including the following items with your application. If one or more documents are missing, your application may be disqualified. Transcripts and/or reference letters may be mailed separately.

- High School transcript
- Community college/college transcript
- Professional Goals Essay (section 4)
- Two Reference letters (names of who will be sending letters)

1. _____

2. _____

***Eligibility for the Conserv FS Ag Careers scholarship must meet one of the following:**

- A member in a Cook County high school FFA program or
- Attending a Cook County high school that offers agriculturally related classes and curriculum and taking classes within the curriculum.

In addition, a high school senior must plan on enrolling and attending a college/university with the intent to pursue an agriculturally related career. A student does not need to be a member/dependent of Cook County Farm Bureau to be eligible for this Conserv FS Ag Career scholarship, but member/dependents are also eligible.

Section 2 Academic Information (please complete fully in any areas that apply)

High School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zipcode:** _____

High School: ☐ Graduate ☐ Senior **Year of Graduation** _____

High School G.P.A.: _____

Scale: ☐ 4.0 scale ☐ 5.0 scale ☐ other (please specify) _____

Composite ACT Score (not required): _____ **SAT Score (not required) :** _____

High School Academic Honors: _____

Please forward certified high school transcripts to include with this application. If you have applied previously to Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation for a scholarship, we have your high school transcripts on file.

For High School Seniors applying: Please fill out the name and address of college/university you will be attending:

College/University Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Intended Major: (be specific) _____

Community/Jr. College Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

_____ **# of hours completed** **Year (s) attended:** _____

Degree: _____

G.P.A.: _____ **Scale** ☐ 4.0 ☐ 5.0 ☐ other (please specify) _____

Academic Honors: _____

Please forward certified Community/Jr. College transcripts to attach to this application.

College/University Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

_____ # of hours completed Year (s) attended: _____

Major (s): _____

Minor (s): _____

G.P.A.: _____ **Scale** ☐ 4.0 ☐ 5.0 ☐ other (please specify) _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Intended Major: (be specific) _____

Intended Minor: (be specific) _____

Please forward certified College/University transcripts to attach to this application.

Section 3 Employment/Activities/Awards

Please attach a one-page maximum, typewritten explanation responding to the following 5 information requests.

1. Please provide information on any employment you have held including time frames, responsibilities and position.
2. List agricultural or other clubs or groups to which you belong(ed). Indicated offices held, position of leadership and activities in which you participate(d).
3. List church, civic, or community activities.
4. Summarize your experience and connect to agriculture/agribusiness in the past and present.
5. Please provide information on any special honors or awards you have received.

Section 4 Professional Goals Essay

Please attach a one-page maximum, typewritten explanation of:

- Your agricultural career goals and objectives
- How your college major will help you reach your career goals
- The contributions you expect to make to agriculture, agri-business and related fields
- How this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals and objectives

Section 5 Financial Analysis Report

Financial need and a student's efforts to assist is one factor in selecting the recipient of CCFB Foundation scholarships. The following information is critical to the Board of Directors in their deliberations. This information is strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the Foundation's Board of Directors and the Executive Director. It is very important that you answer each question.

Estimated Financial Need	
List the total anticipated educational finances you will need for the upcoming year. Include the cost of tuition and expenses such as books, transportation and housing.	\$ _____

List the financial aid programs in which you will be participating or have applied for, such as full or partial scholarships, grants provided by the school, an alumni association, government or other group. Source: _____ Source: _____ Source: _____	Minus \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ Minus \$ _____
List funds you will receive from any other source, such as parental assistance, employment or gifts. Source: _____ Source: _____ Source: _____	Minus \$ _____ Minus \$ _____ Minus \$ _____
Calculate the new amount you will need by subtracting your funding (financial aid and any other sources listed above) from your total amount needed.	Net Amount Needed: \$ _____

Do you have any other sources of income? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe.

Do you have any debts? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please detail amount and description of debts.

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married #of dependents _____ Ages _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Occupation: _____

Number of other immediate family members currently enrolled in college:

Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in assessing your personal or financial need.

Section 6 Personal References

Please submit two sealed character reference letters with this application. References may not be relatives of the applicant. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across seal of envelope. Applications without sealed references will not be considered. If references are being sent separately, please let us know. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure references are provided and received to attach to this application.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Relationship: _____

Years Known: _____

Years Known: _____

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit further information of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college or university. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation of this scholarship program. I also certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Application must be signed by both the applicant and a parent or guardian, if applicant is in high school when applying. The parent/guardian signature is not necessary if the applicant has graduated from high school.

Please submit a 5x7 student photograph with this application for the Foundation's use in *The Cooperator*, the official publication of the Cook County Farm Bureau and for our scholarship recipient display board to be used if a student is awarded a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients may be asked to submit a short 30 second 'thank you' video which the Foundation Board will use to promote the Program among CCFB membership.

Application must be postmarked by February 15th, 2023. Mail to:

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