



COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION

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The Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation enhances the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to members, dependents and others seeking a major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an agriculturally related course of study with intent on an agriculturally related career. The CCFB Foundation is intent on supporting future generations to help assure a well-qualified, professional agricultural workforce in the Chicagoland area and Illinois.

For 2023, the CCFB Foundation is pleased to offer multiple scholarship opportunities totaling \$16,000 in supporting funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Online application and guidelines are found on the Foundation area of the Cook County Farm Bureau website, along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a FAQ section. For additional information please contact the CCFB Foundation office at 708.354.3276 or linda@cookcfb.org

Applications are available on December 1 and must be submitted by 11:59 pm on February 15, 2023.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY: Applicants may be a previous recipient of an CCFB Foundation scholarship. All applicants must be a high school graduate or be graduating in 2023 and must be accepted for enrollment or be currently enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school.

While applicants may apply for multiple awards, they can only receive one scholarship per program year. Applicants may not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter in-law of a CCFB Foundation Director or employee.

Carefully read each scholarship for specific requirements, limitations, and guidelines.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: In addition to individual scholarship eligibility guidelines, the following details are considered in selection of recipients:

- Background Info
- Academic Performance
- Employment, activities, awards and involvement
- Financial Analysis
- Professional goals essay response
- Personal references and statements

TERMS: All scholarship funds are sent to the designated institution prior to the beginning of the Fall 2023 academic year. Funds are applied to tuition and fees. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistance, or tuition waivers. The Scholarship funds are available for one year from the Fall 2023 academic year.

Scholarships Available in 2023

General CCFB Scholarships: Eligibility... Membership required to apply... One year waiting period to apply following membership join date.

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Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship: The top-rated applicant selected from the General CCFB Foundation Scholarships will be named to this scholarship which carries the highest monetary value.

Value: To be determined

CONSERV FS Scholarship: No membership requirement... Must be a FFA member in a Cook County high school FFA program or be 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 Cook County Farm Bureau member/dependents are also eligible.

Value: \$1,000

Stuenkel Family Scholarship: Membership required when application is submitted with no eligibility waiting period. Applicants may be a previous recipient of an CCFB Foundation scholarship. All applicants must be a high school graduate or be graduating in 2023 and must be accepted for enrollment or be currently enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school.

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This scholarship has been designed for Cook County Farm Bureau members pursuing higher education with a focus on an agriculturally related career in the areas of technology, education, leadership development and/or mental health.

Value: To be determined