



COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION
“Moving Ag Forward” Vocational Ag Career Training Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: July 31, 2024

The Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering vocational agriculture career training scholarships up to \$1,250 per scholarship (while funds are available) to students enrolled in a vocational training program or at an Illinois Community College for CDL truck driver training, diesel mechanics, welding, or technology with a focus on an agriculturally connected career. **For individuals seeking an associate degree with the intent to pursue an agriculturally related career, please complete a general scholarship application available on our website*.*

Enrollment deadline for this round of “Moving Ag Forward” is July 31, 2024. This is for individuals enrolled in a program between September 1 and December 31, 2024.

Other enrollment periods, while funds last, will be open in early 2025

Section 1 Personal Information and Eligibility Guidelines

All applicants must meet these guidelines:

- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled in and provide proof of enrollment into a vocational training program at an Illinois Community College during the corresponding timeframe.
- Must provide an endorsement signed by a Cook County farmer, Cook County Farm Bureau leader, area agribusiness, or area food processing business.
- Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation directors and employees of Cook County Farm Bureau or their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.
- Must have a farm bureau membership or be a dependent of a member in good standing.
- An application will not be considered without a signed endorsement based on endorsement guidelines.

Awards will be made based on evaluation of application by the Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation board of directors.

If all funds allocated to the program are distributed, the next cycle of scholarships will be postponed until the next fiscal year of the Foundation.

Applicants receiving the scholarship must provide proof of enrollment. If an applicant does not provide proof of enrollment, they forfeit the scholarship. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the vocational program or Community College where the recipient is enrolled for the training program.

_____	_____
Name	Home Address
_____	_____
City	State Zip Code
_____	_____
Phone	E-mail address
___ Male ___ Female	Date of Birth: ___/___/___
Are you a Farm Bureau Member or dependent?	Cook County Farm Bureau Membership Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____

Please mail or email your application to:

Robert A. Rohrer, Executive Director
Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation, 6438 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL 60525
brohrer@cookcfb.org

Section 2 Employment/Experience/Goals

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

1. Provide information on any employment you have held including time frames, responsibilities and position (or attach/submit your resume).
2. Summarize your experience or connection to agriculture/agribusiness in the past and present.
3. Include a summary of your future goals/objectives in using this scholarship for training, as it relates to your ag related/connected career field.

Section 3 Program & Expenses

What vocational program or training are you applying to? _____

Name of Training Course: _____

Name of school/program: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Timeframe of training: _____

Program tuition or fee expense: \$ _____

Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful to the Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation Board in assessing your personal or financial need.

Section 4 - Endorsement

Please complete the information below and provide an endorsement (form available on our website) to be signed by a Cook County farmer, Cook County Farm Bureau leader, area agri-business owner or area food processing business owner. The form should be returned to the Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation office. Applications submitted without an endorsement will not be considered.

Name of Endorser: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____ Years Known: _____

IMPORTANT: Please submit a 5x7 photograph with this application for the Foundation's use in *The Cooperator*, the official publication of the Cook County Farm Bureau. Scholarship recipients will also be asked to submit a short 'thank you' video/letter which the Foundation Board will use to promote the program.

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 a vocational training program or Illinois Community College for CDL truck driver training, diesel mechanics, welding, or technology with a focus on an ag connected career. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date