

**The application period is from December 1, 2019 through February 14, 2020.**

**COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
Application deadline: February 14, 2020



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 2020-2021 school year.

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

\_\_\_ Conserv FS Ag Career Scholarship\*

**Section 1 Personal Information and Eligibility Guidelines**

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Home Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____</p> <p>Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>E-Mail address _____</p> <p>Date of Birth: ____/____/____</p> <p>___ Male ___ Female</p> <p>Cook County Farm Bureau Membership Number _____</p> <p>Immediate Family has been a CCFB member since _____</p> <p>Parent's Names: _____</p> <p>Parent's Occupation(s): _____</p> <p>What is the name and address of your local Newspaper?</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p>	<p><b>All applicants must meet these guidelines:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must be a high school graduate.</li><li>2. Must be a Cook County Farm Bureau member, spouse of member, or dependent of member, and have been a CCFB member for at least one year. *</li><li>3. Any recipient over the age of 22 <b>MUST</b> have their own membership in the Cook County Farm Bureau.</li><li>4. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college.</li><li>5. Must exhibit potential for successful completion course of study in an agricultural related field.</li><li>6. The scholarship will be available to you for 1 year beginning with the fall 2020 college semester.</li><li>7. May not be a spouse, child, sibling, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of a CCFB Foundation Board of Director or employee.</li><li>8. Applications must be <u>typed</u> and <u>postmarked</u> by <b>February 14, 2020, no exceptions.</b></li><li>9. Applications must be complete or significant deductions will result.</li></ol> <p><b>IMPORTANT</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>High School transcript (not necessary if previously submitted)</p> <p>Community college/college transcript</p> <p>Professional Goals Essay (section 4)</p> <p>Two Reference letters (Names of who are sending letters)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. _____</li><li>2. _____</li></ol>
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**\*Note:** To be considered for the Conserv FS Ag Career Scholarship, you do not need to be a Cook County Farm Bureau member. You do need to be a past or present FFA member with your primary residence within Cook County, IL or a current member in good standing and be seeking an agricultural career through higher education.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 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, agribusiness 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.

<b>Estimated Financial Need</b>	
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: _____	<b>Minus</b> \$ _____ <b>Minus</b> \$ _____ <b>Minus</b> \$ _____
List funds you will receive from any other source, such as parental assistance, employment or gifts. Source: _____ Source: _____ Source: _____	<b>Minus</b> \$ _____ <b>Minus</b> \$ _____ <b>Minus</b> \$ _____
Calculate the new amount you will need by subtracting your funding (financial aid and any other sources listed above) from your total amount needed.	<b>Net Amount Needed:</b> \$ _____

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 21 years of age or younger.

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mail to:**

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