



March 6, 2024

Branchville High School
Guidance Counselor
1349 Dorange Rd
Branchville, SC 29432

Re: 2024 Graduating Seniors F&M Bank Scholarship

To Whom It May Concern:

Farmers & Merchants Bank of South Carolina is proud to announce that they will be offering two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors in their region. Our region includes the following schools.

Branchville High School, Bethune-Bowman High School, Lake Marion High School, Holly Hill Academy, Berkeley High School, Cane Bay High School, Cross High School, Timberland High School, St. Johns Christian Academy, Calhoun High School and Calhoun Academy

These scholarships are going to be based on a senior in high school, 500-word essay, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, senior must demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, character, leadership, citizenship and involvement in school and or community activities.

The deadline to enter is Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Each application packet must include:

- Completed Application
- Official transcript from high school
- Letter of recommendation (cannot be a family member)
- Essay - 500 words or less on

“Explain the importance of financial literacy and how you plan to manage your finances in the future”.

Email Application Packet to:

Tammie Rickenbacker @ trickenbacker@fmbnc.com

Or Mail Packet to:

Farmers & Merchants Bank of South Carolina
Attn: Tammie Rickenbacker
Post Office Box 68
Holly Hill, SC 2959
Deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2024

F&M Bank of SC Scholarship Requirements

Farmers & Merchants Bank of SC will award two \$500 Scholarships. This scholarship is open to high school seniors from the following schools that plan to attend a private or public college, university or trade school.

Branchville High School, Bethune-Bowman High School, Lake Marion High School, Holly Hill Academy, Berkeley High School, Cane Bay High School, Cross High School, Timberland High School, St. Johns Christian Academy, Calhoun High School and Calhoun Academy.

- Student must be a senior in high school.
- Applicant should have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Student must submit a copy of their high school transcript (grades 9-12).
- Student must demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, character, leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school and/or community activities.
- Student must submit a 500-word essay. The student should write an essay on *“Explain the importance of financial literacy and how you plan to manage your finances in the future”*.
- Student must submit a letter of recommendation with the application, must not be from a family member.
- The Scholarship Funds will not be released until F&M receives proof of enrollment. The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the college, university or trade school.
- Deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Please send all applications via email to trickenbacker@fmbosc.com.
- Recipients of the scholarship will be announced on or before May 15, 2024.



Scholarship Application

All applications must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Email packet to trickenbacker@fmbc.com or mail to F&M Bank of SC - Attn: Tammie Rickenbacker -Post Office Box 68-Holly Hill, SC 29059

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____ Phone: _____

Parents/Guardians Email: _____

High School: _____

Rank in Class: _____ Cumulative: _____

*Head of School/Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

Date: _____

List honors and awards:

List involvement in school activities and/or service organizations:

List membership/involvement in community, civic, church organizations and employment history:

Future career plans: _____

School you plan to attend: _____

- Recipients of the scholarships will be announced by May 15, 2024. If awarded the \$500 scholarship, funds will not be released until F&M Bank of SC receives proof of enrollment and the check will be mailed directly to the college, university or trade school.