

September 1, 2023

Dear 4-H Agent,

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is excited to share information regarding our 2024 **AgVocator Scholarship Program**. One scholarship, up to \$24,000, will be awarded to a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore with plans to pursue a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to students who plan to seek a career in production agriculture, ag education, ag economics, agri-business or another field related to agriculture. We are seeking your assistance to share the scholarship information with your students.

Information and application materials are available on our website, [www.GoRural.net](http://www.GoRural.net). All AgVocator Scholarship Applications must be received by **February 23, 2024** by 5 p.m. CST/6 p.m. EST.

Thank you for helping us provide this opportunity to your students. If you have questions, please reach out at [RWatts@FarmCredit-FL.com](mailto:RWatts@FarmCredit-FL.com) or 850.557.9654.

Sincerely,

Rachel Watts  
Brand Ambassador



## ANNOUNCING THE 2024 FARM CREDIT OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA:

# AgVOCATOR™ SCHOLARSHIP

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida's AgVocator Scholarship Program is offering one scholarship up to **\$24,000** to a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore with plans to pursue a career in agriculture. This scholarship will cover \$3,000 for eight semesters totaling \$24,000 for a student's tuition throughout their four year undergraduate degree. Farm Credit will provide a paid internship during their junior or senior year of college, after receiving the scholarship for two semesters. If you're planning to go into production agriculture, ag education, ag economics, agri-business or another field related to agriculture, you are eligible to apply.

The scholarship will be awarded to an individual based on their involvement in agriculture, their rural community, academics, leadership qualities, and their passion for being a voice for agriculture.

### Eligibility:

- Must be a high school senior in good academic standing or high school graduate within the prior 2 years who otherwise meets all standards (for current college students, scholarship will be prorated based on semesters remaining in degree).
- Preference will be given to students involved in 4-H or FFA.
- Students in private, public and home school programs are eligible to apply.
- Residency within the Association's chartered territory in Northwest Florida including: Madison, Jefferson, Taylor, Leon, Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, Gadsden, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa or Walton counties.

*Linear family members of employee, Directors and YBS Farmer Advisory Committee Members of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida are not eligible to apply. Linear is defined as the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren including by adoption*

### Application Process:

- Complete the attached scholarship application form.
- Provide a copy of most recent high school or college transcript.
- Provide a resume of work history, activities, honors and volunteer efforts.
- 2 page essay or a 2 minute video explaining your plans to contribute to your rural community and/or the agriculture industry post-graduation.
- Two letters of recommendation for the AgVocator Scholarship
- The top three candidates will be contacted to attend an in-person interview on March 26, 2024.

### Requirements of the Recipient:

- The recipient will be required to complete a paid summer, fall or spring internship with Farm Credit of Northwest Florida during their junior or senior year of classes, after receiving the scholarship for two semester. Internships at Farm Credit include a ten-week commitment and will offer hands on experience in areas such as lending, credit, executive management, loan accounting, operations, marketing, human resources and more.
- The recipient will be a part of the elite Farm Credit of Northwest Florida AgVocator Scholars. When the Association is participating in career fairs or other networking events close to the student, they will be invited to attend with Farm Credit staff, schedule permitting.
- Maintain a 2.5 or above average GPA throughout their program.
- Provide end of semester transcript to have next tuition stipend sent to the college.

**Applications are accepted now through February 23, 2024 at 5 p.m. CT/6 p.m. ET. Email completed application and supporting materials to [AgVocator@FarmCredit-FL.com](mailto:AgVocator@FarmCredit-FL.com).**

### Guidelines for Recipient

- The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university.
- Transcript of final semester grades are to be provided to [AgVocator@FarmCredit-FL.com](mailto:AgVocator@FarmCredit-FL.com) at the end of each semester. Transcripts must be submitted timely to maintain the balance of the remaining scholarship.



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[GoRural.net](http://GoRural.net)



# AgVOCATOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

College/University attending \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated or Current Major \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goals \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date

## How to prepare and submit materials:

Prepare your materials and scan them into a single document in the below order. All application materials are due **February 23, 2024.**

- Completed application
- Copy of transcript
- Resume of work history, activities, honors and volunteer efforts  
(Two page maximum, typed, 10 point font, one sided, single spaced, ½ inch margins maximum.)
- Two letters of recommendation specifically for the 2023 AgVocator Scholarship.  
(Recommendations may be written by guidance counselor, high school teacher, 4-H agent, FFA advisor, etc. and should represent your attributes and provide evidence of unique or distinctive qualities.)
- Essay: How you plan to contribute to your rural community and/or the agriculture industry post-graduation.  
(Limited to 2 pages, typed, 12 point font)

OR

- Video: Explaining your plans to contribute to your rural community and/or the agriculture industry post-graduation.

Attach your completed application and supporting materials to an email and send to **AgVocator@FarmCredit-FL.com.**