

February 4, 2026



To: Area High School Guidance/Career Counselors

Re: Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 Lake County Farm Bureau scholarship application is now available. The amount is determined by the number of acceptable qualifying applications.

Applications must be submitted online and can be found online at:

<https://ofbf.org/foundation/scholarships/lake-county-farm-bureau-scholarship/>.

No handwritten forms will be accepted.

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2026

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current Lake County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a parent/guardian who is a current member at the time of application and scholarship payout.
- Provide proof of enrollment at a minimum two-year institution of higher learning.
- Be considered a full-time student; awards are renewable
- A major in agriculture or a support field is preferred but not required.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- The recipient, or a representative, must attend the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in the fall.

Scholarship funds will be distributed after the recipient completes one quarter/semester and submits grades to the Farm Bureau office, provided membership is in good standing at application and payout. Applications must be completed entirely by the applicant. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate responses or content is not permitted and may result in disqualification.

For questions, you may contact us at 440.426.2195 or email lake@ofbf.org. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,

Mandy Orahood
Organization Director
Lake County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Enclosed: 2026 Lake County Scholarship Information

2026 LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

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PURPOSE	To provide scholarships for any undergrad students attending a full-time college, university, or technical school. Scholarship funds are to be used directly for tuition, fees, lab fees, and books.
DUE DATE	11:59 PM on March 31, 2026
SCHOLARSHIP	No handwritten forms will be accepted. Applications must be submitted online at https://ofbf.org/foundation/scholarships/lake-county-farm-bureau-scholarship/ Applications must be completed entirely by the applicant. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate responses or content is not permitted and may result in disqualification.
AWARD	The amount is determined by the number of acceptable qualifying applications. Scholarship funds will be distributed after the recipient completes one quarter/semester and submits grades to the Farm Bureau office, provided membership is in good standing at application and payout. The Lake County Farm Bureau reserves the right to withhold funds if eligibility requirements are not met. Unclaimed funds after one (1) year will be forfeited.
ELIGIBILITY	Applicants must meet the following criteria: • Be a current Lake County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a parent/guardian who is a current member at the time of application and scholarship payout. • Provide proof of enrollment at a minimum two-year institution of higher learning. • Be considered a full-time student; awards are renewable • A major in agriculture or a support field is preferred but not required. • Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. • The recipient, or a representative, must attend the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in the fall.
SELECTION	Applications are reviewed anonymously by an advisory committee appointed by the County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees. Evaluation is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and essay responses, with emphasis on agricultural involvement and Farm Bureau participation. The committee's decision is final.
QUESTIONS	For questions you may contact us at 440.426.2195 or email lake@ofbf.org .
IMPORTANT: This form is estimated to take at least one hour. In order to complete the form as quickly as possible, you WILL need ALL of the items below.	

Farm Bureau Involvement History (Personal and Family)

High School Involvement and Achievements

College Involvement and Achievements (if applicable)

Proof of Enrollment

- Attach proof of enrollment: Can be enrollment verification letter, upcoming class schedule, acceptance letters, paid tuition receipt, student ID card, etc)

Transcripts

- Copy(ies) of your most recent high school or college/technical school transcripts

Photo

- Please upload a recent headshot/photo. Photos will be used to publicize award winners.

Essays

Applications must be completed entirely by the applicant. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate responses or content is not permitted and can result in disqualification.

Please answer each essay in 250-500 words.

- **Essay #1:** How do you see yourself involved in Agriculture 10 years from now? Explain the impact or difference you would like to make in the agriculture industry.
- **Essay #2:** Starting a career in farming can be challenging for young farmers, and these challenges can have broader impacts on agriculture as a whole. In your essay, describe the main obstacles that young farmers face when entering the profession, and explain how these challenges affect the agricultural industry. Offer your suggestions or ideas for addressing these challenges and supporting the next generation of farmers.

Please note, there is no autosave feature. We highly recommend that you type your essays in another program before beginning this form and then, copy and paste into the essay sections of this application.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applicant Information

Name *

- First Name
- Last Name

Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Cell Phone Number *

Email *

Date of Birth *

Farm Bureau Involvement

Are you or your parents/guardians Lake County Farm Bureau members? *

- Yes

- No

Have you applied for a Lake County Farm Bureau scholarship before? *

- Yes
- No

Have you ever received a Lake County Farm Bureau scholarship? *

- Yes
- No

Are you involved with the county Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals (YAP) program? *

- Yes
- No

What types of events and seminars would you be interested in attending? *

This section is an important part of your application and will be considered in scoring. Please provide details of any involvement you or your family have had with Farm Bureau locally, statewide, and/or nationally. *

Family Information

Mother/Guardians Name

- First Name
- Last Name

Occupation

Address

Phone Number

Email

Father/Guardians Name

- First Name
- Last Name

Occupation

Address

Phone Number

Email

Siblings' Names, Birthdates, and School/College Attended

Academic Activities

College/Technical School Standing in Fall 2026*

- Freshman (1st year college/technical school)
- Sophomore (2nd year)
- Junior (3rd year)
- Senior (4th year)
- 5th Year/Other Undergraduate (for those in extended programs)
- Graduate Student (if applicable for technical programs or advanced studies)

High School Information

High School Attended *

High School Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

HS Graduation Date *

Cumulative GPA (HS) *

High School Involvement(organizations, sports, clubs, special activities). Include any leadership positions held, roles, etc *

High School Achievements (honors, awards, recognition, etc.)*

College/Technical School Information

College/Technical School Name *

College/Technical School Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Major*

Minor*

College / Technical School Involvement(organizations, sports, clubs, special activities). Include any leadership positions held, roles, etc *

College / Technical School Achievements (honors, awards, recognition, etc.)*

Community & Agricultural Involvement

Describe community involvement and volunteer activities *

Describe your area of interest in agriculture and ag-related activities. *

Describe your hobbies and special interests. *

Describe your work experiences (paid and unpaid - include where, job title, when, how long, duties, etc.) *

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Required Documentation

Upload proof of enrollment (enrollment verification letter, upcoming class schedule, acceptance letters, paid tuition receipt, student ID card, etc) * **PDF ONLY**

Upload most recent transcript (Name, school, date, and Cumulative GPA MUST show on transcript)* **PDF ONLY**

- High school
- College

Photo: Upload a recent headshot/photo to be used in publications.* **JPG or PNG only**