

Farmers & Merchants National Bank Scholarship

Program

Empowering the Next Generation of Community Leaders

Scholarship Overview

This year, Farmers & Merchants National Bank is awarding four \$1000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited college or university.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a high school senior graduating in the current school year.
- Reside or attend the Nashville, Lebanon, Mascoutah, or O'Fallon School District
- Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited college, university or trade school.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate community involvement and leadership.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form.
2. Official high school transcript.
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or community leader.
4. Personal essay (500 words max): "How do you plan to use your education to strengthen your community and make a difference in the lives of others?"
5. Optional: résumé of school, work, and community activities.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a Farmers and Merchants National Bank Scholarship Committee based on:

- Academic achievement
- Community involvement and leadership
- Essay content and writing quality

Important Dates

Applications Open: March 2, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 10, 2026

Winners Announced: May 15, 2026

Award Presentation: May/June 2026

Award Distribution

Funds may be applied toward tuition, books, or required academic expenses. Recipients must provide proof of enrollment before payment is issued.

Recognition

Recipients will be recognized on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank website, social media, and local press (with consent).

Non-Discrimination Statement

Farmers & Merchants National Bank does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.

Scholarship Application Form

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

College/Trade School Planned: _____

Intended Major/Program: _____

School/Community Activities: _____

Honors or Awards: _____

Employment or Internships: _____

Essay Attached: Yes/No

Recommendation Letter: Yes/No

Transcript Included: Yes/No

Are you interested in part-time summer work at Farmers and Merchants National Bank? Yes/No

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal essay (500 words max): “How do you plan to use your education to strengthen your community and make a difference in the lives of others?”

Completed scholarship applications should be emailed to:

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