CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

General Information

Cumberland County Farm Bureau recognizes the need for continued education and technical training in all areas of the agricultural industry. Funding towards Tuition is available through an established scholarship program for students and individual interested in furthering their education or skills in agriculture. High school seniors and individuals seriously interested in agricultural careers are eligible to apply for scholarships. Cumberland farmers interested in furthering their academic knowledge, skills, and gaining additional training may also apply for support funding through the Cumberland Farm Bureau Technical Assistance aspect of the funded Program. Support funding applications for 2026 for advancing agricultural endeavors will be available and accepted beginning January 1, 2024. Student applications must be received, or post marked by March 31, 2026. The applications will be reviewed by the Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee for award selections to be presented in May, 2026.

Applicants for scholarships or technical assistance support must be a Cumberland County resident, a high school senior, or further education student, a County farmer, or any County resident interested in advanced education in agriculture or related fields. Scholarships are available to established residents who have resided in Cumberland County for at least two years. Applicants must specify the amount of scholarship funds requested, and explain how Farm Bureau support would facilitate accomplishing career goals.

An Application Form may be obtained from the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Office, the Cumberland County High School Guidance Office, the Fuqua Upper School Guidance Office, or online from the following websites:
*Cumberland County Farm Bureau vafb.com/offices/cumberland
*Cumberland County Public Schools www.cucps.K12.va.us; click: Scholarships;
*Fuqua Upper School www.fuquaschool.com, click: Student Life, Local Scholarships.
To be presented at Senior Awards Night

Technical Assistance Information

Cumberland farmers interested in furthering their academic knowledge, skills, and gaining additional training may also apply for support funding available anytime this year for continuing education programs, seminars, workshop, etc. that will improve on-farm or work related careers, including online courses. See CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION.

Agricultural Career Categories

Scholarship awards are funded for agricultural and related recognized career categories. Applications are accepted for students majoring in areas that include: Traditional Crop and Livestock Production (e.g. agronomy, animal nutrition, veterinary-technician, etc.); Agri-Business Management; Agricultural and Natural Resources; Agricultural Communications (i.e. RFD-TV); Building Construction; Agri-Science; Resource Development and Management; Agri-Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Products Packaging; Horticulture; Forestry; Food Science; Fisheries/Wildlife; Environmental Sciences.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION - CRITERIA - APPLICATION

Background

Virginia Farm Bureau scholarship funding towards tuition is available to farm families and individuals with the desire and interest in careers that promote the agricultural industry. Cumberland County Farm Bureau recognizes and supports the continued education and training of students, farmers, and residents interested in starting and/or continuing agricultural and related careers. County high school senior students, farmers, persons sincerely interested in furthering their academic knowledge, gaining additional training and improving their skills beyond high school graduation, or equivalent studies, may apply for support funding through the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program.

The Scholarship Program consists of two separate aspects for providing support funding to persons interested in pursuing further studies. The scholarship portion is managed through the Cumberland County High School and the Fuqua Upper School Guidance Offices. The Technical Assistance portion also is managed through the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee. Final approval for each application resides with the County Farm Bureau Board.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Carefully read through application before providing requested information.

Eligibility for Initial College/University Tuition Assistance:

1. Applicant must be either a Cumberland County High School senior, or County farmer/producer, or County resident interested in further education in agriculture.

2. Applicant must be an established resident of Cumberland County for two years.

3. Applicant must be accepted to an accredited College/University institution.

4. High School Seniors must provide three Letters of Recommendation from recent (within last three years) educators, pastors, County officials, employers, 4-H/FFA/ Scout Leaders. Letters may not be from family members.

5. High School Seniors should have a 2.5 grade-point-average/equivalent, or better, and provide updated education background and official transcript documentation.

6. Applicant may be interviewed by the Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee.

Mail or deliver this information directly to Cumberland County Farm Bureau, 1302 Anderson Highway, Cumberland, VA, 23040.

Second/Repeat scholarship applicant requirements:

1. Applicant must be either a Cumberland County farmer/producer, or established County resident for two years, interested in further education in agriculture.

2. Letter of interest with an update on educational progress, including verification of a 2.5 GPA such as official grade report or updated transcript.

3. Letter of justification for amount of funds requested.

Mail or deliver this information directly to Cumberland County Farm Bureau, 1302 Anderson Highway, Cumberland, VA, 23040.

Personal Information (please print)

Full Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____Zip_____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Cumberland County Resident since _____

If Cumberland County Farm Bureau Member provide number _____

Present/Last High School Attended _____

Accredited College/University _____ Major _____

Application Questions

Answers must be typed, double-spaced, one-sided on plain white paper.

1. **Describe family background and past experiences with agriculture; and explain your present daily and/or seasonal involvement in agricultural, forestry, or environmental activities.**

2. **State in essay form (250-300 words), your present plans toward an agricultural or environmental related career.**

3. **List club or association memberships, including leadership roles in which you have participated: 4-H, FFA, etc. Also include participation in State Fairs, Science Fairs, etc. with agricultural or environmental emphasis.**

4. **List and briefly discuss formal educational training you have completed regarding agricultural or environmental related areas (classroom courses, special workshops, internships, etc.).**

5. **Discuss (200-250 words) what you believe to be one or two of the more important issues that agriculture or the environment needs to address within the next five years.**

6. **List additional educational training you intend to pursue (majors, degrees, apprenticeships, summer jobs, etc.) while a college/university student.**

7. **Justify the amount of financial support requested and explain why you believe you should be selected as a Scholarship recipient.**

8. **<u>Applicant may provide any additional information for the Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee to consider for this Application</u>.**

I hereby certify the information on this application to be accurate and true statements to the best of my ability.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Applicant Signature	Name Printed	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature

Deadline March 31, 2026 Date Received _____, Received by _____

<u>First/Second/Repeat Applications</u> must be either mailed or hand delivered to Cumberland County Farm Bureau, 1302 Anderson Highway, Cumberland, VA, 23040.

Required Application Documentation – check-off list

1. **Application Questions answered as requested.**

2. **Three Letters of Recommendation from sources other than family members.**

3. **Copies of official transcripts, diplomas, certificates, and related awards from schools, clubs, or associations attended within the past four years.**

Contributions to the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program are welcomed. Contact the Cumberland County Farm Bureau Office. Phone: 804-492-4621 Email: lauren.haislip@vafb.com

Cumberland County Farm Bureau Board Action:

Award funds are forwarded directly to the designated Institution Registrar's Office upon enrollment verification provided by the Institution to Cumberland Farm Bureau Office. Enrollment verification is the responsibility of the Applicant.

Cumberland County Farm Bureau reserves the right to use your name and photograph, if not a minor, in the promotion of the Scholarship Program and Cumberland County Farm Bureau.

APPROVED \ DENIED AMOUNT FUNDED _____

Scholarship Committee Chairman _____ Date _____

Cumberland Farm Bureau President _____ Date _____

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Financial assistance is available to Cumberland farmers and individuals interested in furthering their knowledge and skills by gaining additional training that will improve farm related careers or assist with on-going farm operations. Requests for support funding can be made any time during the year for educational programs, workshops, and/or related agricultural events, including identified online courses.

Requests may be emailed, mailed, or delivered directly to Cumberland County Farm Bureau, 1302 Anderson Highway, Cumberland, VA 23040, marked Attn: Scholarship Committee. Application should include the following information. The Scholarship Committee will review the request and contact the applicant for additional information/details, as needed.

Cumberland County Farm Bureau: vafb.com/offices/cumberland | 804-492-4621

Applicant Name _____

Address _____
City & State Zip

Email _____ Telephone _____

County Resident since _____ Signature _____
Date

Required Information:

1. Describe the workshop, event, or training class/course and provide related information, such as the news announcement, brochure, or advertisement with details and registration costs.
2. Discuss how the activity will further enhance farm operations or your related career plans.
3. Attach relevant past educational certificates.

Generally, applicant will be reimbursed for allowable expenses. However, each request will be individually reviewed to satisfy expense needs in the best possible, efficient and fair manner.