

## The Future of Agriculture Scholarship - 2024 Stafford County Farm Bureau

The field of agriculture is important for the future of our nation and all of humanity. Using technology, basic sciences, and sound business/finance principles, modern agriculture covers a diverse array of careers. In keeping with the mission to support and promote agriculture, the Stafford County Farm Bureau is awarding one \$1000 scholarship to a current Stafford County or SCFB member family high school senior who plans to attend an institution of higher learning to pursue a major which leads to an agricultural or food related career. Majors can include but are not limited to animal/dairy/poultry science, horticulture, agronomy, ag economics, ag education, ag engineering, soil science, regenerative ag, entomology, food science, veterinary medicine, landscape design, agri-business, forestry and wildlife, culinary studies, or foods & nutrition. We have removed environmental science from the list of qualifying majors.

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, March 26, 2024, with pick-up from Stafford County high school guidance offices on or about Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Applications can be accessed on -line by going to: <https://www.vafb.com/offices/stafford>. A complete scholarship packet will consist of a completed scholarship form (with parent signature), an official high school transcript (including first semester grades and second semester courses), one written recommendation, an acceptance letter from the college you intend to attend, and one essay. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the high school senior awards night. The applications will be ranked using the following rubric (numbers in points):

4-H member (at least 2 years), FFA (at least 2 semesters)	10
Recommendation	10
Scholastic ability	30
Leadership, Employment, Activities	25
Essay	25

Stafford County Farm Bureau membership is open to anyone who has an interest in helping agriculture prosper. For more information about joining, please contact the Stafford County Farm Bureau office at 540-899-9454.

Complete scholarship packets should be returned to the guidance office at your Stafford County high school or the Stafford County Farm Bureau office by Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

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If you have any questions, please call the local SCFB scholarship committee contact, Gail Clark at 540-752-2361 or [mclarkfarm@aol.com](mailto:mclarkfarm@aol.com)

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Stafford County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$1000**

Please print clearly and provide all requested information. If necessary, you may attach additional typed sheets.

**A. Personal Information**

1. Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Educational Information - Also attach an official transcript and include senior first semester grades and second semester courses**

1. High School- Name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_
2. College - Plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Applied to \_\_\_\_\_  
Major or intended field of study \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Leadership Experience** - List organizations in which you hold or have held membership (such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Honor Society, 4-H/FFA - (be sure to list these to get the extra points)), and give offices, positions, or rank held in each.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Activities Information** - List important extra-curricular activities in which you have or are participating, such as church, athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events or exhibits, camps; list years attended/participated; list honors or letters earned. If more space is needed, attach additional page(s) to the application and write "attached" in the space below.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Employment and/or Volunteer Experience** - List employment and/or volunteer experience, including name of employer, dates of employment, position held and brief description of job duties.

- 1) Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_

2) Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_

3) Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Duties \_\_\_\_\_

F. **Reference** - List one reference, other than a family member, who has written your letter of recommendation. Ask a school or community member who knows you well. Include the SEALED letter of recommendation with your application packet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact information (e-mail &/or phone) \_\_\_\_\_

G. **Essay** - Please describe your past, present, and future involvement with agriculture. Include the purpose for which this scholarship would be used and why you deserve this scholarship. The essay should be typewritten and be a minimum of 200 words. Attach it to your application.

H. **Signatures:** We certify that all the information given on this application is true, correct, and complete. Should I receive this scholarship, I understand that the money will be sent directly to the institution to be applied to tuition and room/board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Packet Checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application with all sections completed and signatures
- \_\_\_\_\_ One typed essay - personal agriculture plans
- \_\_\_\_\_ High School transcript and list of senior courses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation from a school/community person
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning

**RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OR SCFB OFFICE BY Tuesday, March 26, 2024. QUESTIONS? CALL Gail Clark at 752-2361 or e-mail at mclarkfarm@aol.com**