

2026 Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Application

Multiple scholarships are available and will be awarded this year.
For a full list of scholarships, please email colesmgr@colescfb.org.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be a high school senior and/or freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post-secondary school. If pursuing Master's Degree, it must be an agriculture related field.
- Live, farm, or attend school in Coles County
- Intend to enroll at a post-secondary school, including trade school.
- Exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.
- Some scholarships require a Coles County Farm Bureau membership

The criterion for awarding these scholarships are as follows:

- Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusinesses, education, medical, or trades
- Financial Need
- Character and Personality, Maturity, Moral character, & Demonstrated leadership
- Scholarship: Academic performance & Class honors

Disbursement of this scholarship is subject to submission of an official college transcript from fall semester that shows the student is in good academic standing. All applications must be completed via Google Forms.

Scholarship funding from the Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation will be "applied" to tuition and fees or towards CCFBF approved educational items. Any unused scholarship funds will be returned to the Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Application AND transcript AND letters of recommendation are due March 13th at 4:30 PM.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Part 1: General Information

Please be sure to use a current & updated email that you will be able to access - even post graduation.

2. 1. Name *

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

3. 2. Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip code) *

4. County in which you reside: *

5. 3. Telephone Number *

6. Farm Bureau Membership Number (personal or parents)

7. High School: *

8. Date of Graduation: *

9. Father/Guardian's Name & Email: *

10. Mother/Guardian's Name & Email: *

11. Is a family member actively engaged in farming or an ag related field? *

Check all that apply.

Yes
 No

12. What is the occupation of your parents/legal guardian? *

Part 2: Academic Information

13. Current Year in School *

14. GPA *

15. Class Rank (example 49/100) - type n/a if you are in college *

16. What academic awards/honors have you received? *

Part 3: Activities

17. List the student activities in which you participate. *Indicate offices and positions of leadership held, as well as honors received. Include all extracurricular activities. *

18. List community activities and year(s) involved. *Indicate offices and leadership positions held, as well as honors received. *

19. Describe any employment experiences. *

Part 4: Interests and Goals

20. Summarize your experience and interest in agriculture/agribusiness. *

21. What hobbies or special interests do you have? *

Part 5: Academic Plans

22. Name of junior college, college, university, or vocational school you plan to attend: *

23. Briefly state your major field of study: *

24. Describe how you think your course of study will benefit the field of agriculture *

25. Why do you feel you should be awarded a Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship? *

Part 6: Financial Analysis Report

Since evidence of employment and personal contribution are factors in selecting the recipient of the Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship, the following information will help the Scholarship Review Committee in its deliberations. The information is strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the Foundation's Scholarship Review Committee.

26. Have you received funding from CCFBF scholarships previously? If yes, how much? *

27. Will you work during the school year to support your education? If so, approximate how many hours per week, where you plan to work and the type of work being done. *

28. Do you intend to work during the summer? If so, approximate how many hours per week, where you plan to work and the type of work being done. *

29. Will you receive a tuition waiver? If so, please indicate the name and value of the waiver. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

30. Are you receiving a scholarship(s) Whether it be from the university you plan to attend or other organizations? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Maybe

31. Name of the scholarship(s) and value(s)

32. Do you have or will you incur student loan debt?

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Mark only one oval.

Yes
 No
 Maybe

33. If so, what is the percentage of your education cost that will be financed by student loans:

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34. Number of children in higher education in your family currently: *

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Final Items before submission

500 word or less essay:

Official High School or College Transcript to the most recent year

Teacher Recommendation

Character Recommendation

35. 500 words or less essay: What are your future interests and goals and how are they related to the agriculture industry? *

36. Name of Teacher Recommendation (please have teachers email recommendations to colesmgr@colescfb.org or mail to 719 W Lincoln Ave Charleston, IL 61920---Attention Scholarship Committee)

****If you are a college applicant, your letter of recommendation MUST come from a college/trade school professor or an employer, you cannot reuse letters from high school.

****Please be sure to date the letter.

****Cannot be a family member

37. Name of Character Recommendation (please have those who write your character recommendation, email recommendations to colesmgr@colescfb.org or mail to 719 W Lincoln Ave Charleston, IL 61920--Attention Scholarship Committee)
****Please be sure to date the letter
****Cannot be a family member

38. You must submit an official transcript and the above mentioned letters of recommendation before your application is considered complete. These may be sent directly to colesmgr@colescfb.org or mailed/dropped off to 719 W Lincoln Ave Charleston, IL 61920. *

By clicking yes, you acknowledge this requirement

Mark only one oval.

Yes, I acknowledge I must submit my transcript and letters by March 13th at 4:30 PM

39. Please type your name as your signature to verify that all of the above information is true to the best of your knowledge.

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