**Floyd County Farm Bureau Scholarship**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for a student to further their education. The scholarship(s) is awarded based upon various criteria that reflect the values and purposes of Floyd County Farm Bureau to promote and advocate for agricultural and rural needs. Please provide sufficient details and information about your qualifications to give the judges a clear picture of your future plans.

**Application Process:** An application form must be completed by the student applying for assistance. The application must be signed by the student and submitted to the Floyd County Farm Bureau office at 379 Professional Court, New Albany (near the movie theater) . The application must also include needed documents (copies). A non-biased external committee will review all applications and approve funds based on criteria stated on evaluation rubric.
***\*Application must be typed in order to be eligible for the award. Handwritten applications will not be considered. A Word Document file can be found*** [**www.infb.org**](http://www.infb.org/) ***in the county scholarships section. Or a document can be emailed to you, please ask at our county Farm Bureau office in New Albany (via Barbara).***

**Award Amount:** Floyd County Farm Bureau will award up to three scholarships of $1000 each to students. Note: For highschool seniors graduating the current year.

**Qualifications:** Highschool senior applicants should be an INFB member in Floyd County (or a parent or guardian) with INFB membership, accepted or applied to a school of higher learning (career tech/vocational, 2-year, 4-year, continuing education, etc.

**Deadline:** All applications are due to the office April 1 or postmarked by April 1st . Winners will be announced at their high school awards night. Applicants will not be notified in advance.

**Follow Up:** Scholarship awardsare not renewable. Funds will be given as a one-time check in both the students name and the schools name. The check must be taken to the school to be used. If for some reason the said winner does not choose to go to school or change of school/plans, please let the office know.

Students may also be eligible for other state or district Farm Bureau Scholarships at <https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships>

**Floyd County Farm Bureau Scholarship Evaluation Guidelines**

Please use the following rubric to assess Floyd County Farm Bureau scholarship applications.

* Each category reflects an application item that the students were asked to answer. For each category, please rate using a scale 0 to 10 (use only whole numbers)
* Each application will have the cover page that includes identifying information removed and each application will be assigned a number.
* All information included in applications should be kept confidential and secure.
* Evaluator should take measures to be consistent and fair in evaluating each application as an individual and not comparing one to another.
* Evaluator should not confer with other judges (if applicable)

**Floyd County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application**

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| **Applicant’s Contact Information** |
| Name: |  | Birthdate |  |
| Email: |  | Phone: |  |
| Address |  | City: |  |
| State: | Indiana | Zip code: |  |
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| **Educational Institution** |
| Current school attending: (ex. High school, college, etc) |  |
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| Name of academic advisor / school counselor: |  |
| Advisor / counselor email address: |  |
| Advisor / counselor phone number: |  |  |  |
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| **Farm Bureau Membership** |
| Membership number of qualifying student, parent or legal guardian: |  |
| Name of membership holder: |  |
| Applicant’s relationship to member: |  |
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| How did you hear about this scholarship?  |  |
| Signature of applicant: |  |

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| **For internal office use only:** |
| Applicant number assigned by County Farm Bureau Scholarship Coordinator: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Academic Experience** |
| Intended post-secondary education institution: |  |
| Current GPA: |  | out of |  | Class rank (if applicable) |  | out of |  |
| Intended course of study: |  |
| What degree level or certification are you seeking? (ex: associate, bachelors) |  |
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| **Employment Experience:** (limit 150 words each, up to 3 different employment experiences) |
| * Include name of employer(s), title (if applicable), length of service, average hours worked per week, brief description of duties
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| **Awards & Honors** (limit 10 most significant received. Do not include awards received prior to freshmen year of high school) |
|  Name of Award Awarding Organization Year Received  |
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| **Please describe your personal background and why you are seeking this award** (limit 350 words). |
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| **Please describe your desired career path and provide two reasons why you chose this career or certification.** (Limit 350 words) |
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| **Agricultural-based extracurricular and leadership experience** (limit 10) |
| *Include 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau membership and office positions, not awards.* |
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| **Community or school-based extracurricular and leadership experience** (limit 10) |
| *Include: Church, school clubs (not FFA), Scouts, sports, etc.*  |
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**Essay**

***What is one of the most important issues facing the future of farming and agriculture; and how do you believe it has or will affect you?*** (Limit 500 words)