

Taking Pride in Agriculture

Orange County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Agriculture is science-based, high-tech and offers a variety of career possibilities, including animal and plant researchers, food scientists, nutritionists, commodity brokers, market analysts, forest managers, agricultural journalists, bankers, sales professionals, food processors, wildlife specialists, computer programming, engineering, and much more.

High School seniors who have applied to a College, University, or Vocational School with the intent of pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field may apply for the Orange County Farm Bureau's Taking Pride in Agriculture Scholarship. The scholarship will be applied to the applicant's second semester tuition or on campus housing and will not be awarded if the student's first semester GPA falls below 2.0.

The deadline for application submission is March 28, 2024. The top applicants will be notified for an interview by members of Farm Bureau. Interviews will be held at the Orange County Farm Bureau office. The winning applicant will be named by May 9, 2024 and will be expected to be present at an Orange County Farm Bureau Board Meeting sometime before the start of their school year.

All applications are judged using the following scoring system:

*Virginia Farm Bureau Membership	5
Orange County FB	5
4H/FFA	5
Scholastic Ability	20
Interview	30
Essay	30
Other Activities	5

* Farm Bureau membership is open to anyone that has an interest in helping agriculture prosper. For more information about joining please contact Orange County Farm Bureau at 540-672-3447.

In the event of a tie between multiple applicants, Orange County Farm Bureau may request financial information and the tie may be broken based on financial need or the scholarship will be divided.

Please submit completed scholarship application, transcripts, essay, reference letters and any other pertinent information to the Orange County Farm Bureau Office by March 28, 2024.

Orange County Farm Bureau
13438 James Madison Hwy
Orange, VA 22960

If you have any questions about the scholarship or the application process, please contact Missy Chambers at (540)226-9193 or rmchamb@gmail.com.

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Please print or type in blue or black ink. Provide all requested information. If necessary, additional printed or typed sheets may be attached. **Indicate section number when adding additional pages.**

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant's Name _____
Last First MI
2. Home Address _____
Street Address _____
City State Zip
3. Contact Information: Phone Numbers _____ Email _____
4. Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____
5. Last Four Digits of Applicants Social Security Number _____
6. Parents' Name(s) _____
7. Is anyone in your family a Farm Bureau member? _____ Name the County _____
8. Are you a 4-H/FFA member? _____

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Include your most recent **OFFICIAL High School Transcript**. It must be signed by your Guidance Counselor.

1. High School
 - A. Attending _____
 - B. Date of Graduation ____ / ____ / ____
 - C. Number of Students in Your Class _____
 - D. Your Class Rank _____
 - E. Scholastic Average _____
2. College
 - A. Plan to Attend _____
 - B. Applied to _____
3. Major or Intended Field of Study _____

C. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

List organizations in which you hold or have held membership, such as Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H, or FFA, and give offices, positions or rank held in each.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

D. ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

List important extra-curricular activities in which you have or are participating in, such as church, athletics, music, drama, dance, public speaking, clubs, societies, public events or exhibits, camps; list years attended; list honors or letters earned. If more space is necessary, attach to the application and write "Attached" in the space below.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

E. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE 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. REFERENCES

List two references, other than family members, who can provide additional information about your scholastic and community activities. Please include reference letters from those persons you have listed.

1. Name _____

Position or Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

2. Name _____

Position or Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

G. ESSAY

Keeping with the theme of this scholarship Taking Pride in Agriculture, write an essay describing your past, present and/or future involvement in agriculture. Include the purpose for which this scholarship would be used and why you deserve this scholarship. Essay should be typewritten and a minimum of one page double spaced.

H. SIGNATURES

I hereby state that the information submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant _____

Date _____

I have read the foregoing application in full and hereby state that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (Required if the applicant is less than 21 years of age)

Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Remember to submit by March 28, 2024

- Completed scholarship application
- Official transcript
- 1 page minimum essay
- 2 reference letters
- Additional pages