

The Future of Agriculture Scholarship - 2025 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 scholarship up to \$2000 to a current 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, April 8, 2025, with pick-up from Stafford County high school guidance offices being on or about Wednesday, April 9, 2025. 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)	5
Recommendation	10
Involvement in Stafford agriculture	15
Scholastic ability	30
Leadership, Employment, Activities	15
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, April 8, 2025.

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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

TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION, GO TO THE STAFFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU WEB PAGE.
SCROLL DOWN TO THE SECOND PAGE WHERE YOU WILL FIND THE LINK TO THE APPLICATION.

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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. **Stafford Agriculture** - Briefly state how you have been involved in Stafford County agriculture:

G. **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) _____

H. **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.

I. **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
- _____ Description of involvement in Stafford agriculture

RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OR SCFB OFFICE BY Tuesday, April 8, 2025. QUESTIONS? CALL Gail Clark at 752-2361 or e-mail at mclarkfarm@aol.com