

## General Information

A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible male/female student attending any Mississippi college, university or community college. The student must have completed at least one full year of college courses and maintained at least a 2.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0.

The student must submit a completed application and an essay 300 words or less on an agriculture-related topic. Send to: Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Attn: Women's Department, P.O. Box 1972, Jackson, MS 39215. **Must be in the MS Farm Bureau Federation Office by Deadline August 1.**

A panel of judges will review all applications and essays and make recommendations.

The scholarship will be paid in two equal installments during the two semesters of the school year. Payment will be made directly to the college, university, or community college in the student's name upon notification of the student's enrollment in an approved course of study.

Again, to be eligible to receive the second payment, the student must be enrolled in an approved course of study and have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the college, university, or community college documenting these two requirements is required.

For more information and application, contact your county Farm Bureau office or Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women's Department at 1-800-227-8244 (ext. 4245 or 4854)

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# Farm Bureau Ambassador Scholarship Award



## Purpose

The purpose of the \$4,000 Farm Bureau Ambassador Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women's Program, is to identify young leaders who can use their experiences to tell the farm story. It is also designed to enlighten and inform the public about agriculture. The Ambassador will make appearances on behalf of agriculture and Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

## Qualifications

- A. Contestant must be a MS Farm Bureau member or a member of a MS Farm Bureau family with current membership for at least 60 days prior to applying.
- B. Contestant must be at least a sophomore in college and no older than 25 years of age prior to the MFBF Annual Convention.
- C. Contestant must be willing to travel and participate in workshops and speak at functions on Farm Bureau and agricultural issues.
- D. Contestant must not be a previous winner of the Ambassador competition.
- E. Contestant must not be or ever have been married or have children.
- F. Contestant must be attending a community college, college, or university in the state of Mississippi. A contestant attending an out-of-state school will be eligible, provided that upon being declared the winner, he/she will transfer at the end of the semester to a school within Mississippi. A written statement to this effect will be required.

**Application and essays must be in the MS Farm Bureau Federation Office by**

**DEADLINE AUGUST 1**

## Contest Rules

1. Contestant must complete application including one essay—300 words or less on an agriculture-related topic.
2. Applicants will be selected to compete at state level. Finalists will be notified by October 18.
3. Contestant must appear in appropriate business attire and make an oral presentation not to exceed five minutes.
4. Contestant must have knowledge of Farm Bureau and agriculture. Ten questions pertaining to Farm Bureau or ag-related subjects will be placed in a bowl. Each contestant will draw one question and give a detailed answer to the Master of Ceremonies.
5. Each contestant will meet and be interviewed by judges for a period not to exceed five minutes.
6. Each county may enter contestants.
7. The following score card will be used to judge all Ambassador contestants.
8. **30 pts. Application and Essay**  
**40 pts. Interview with Judges**  
**20 pts. Oral Presentation**  
**10 pts. Dress (appropriate attire)**
9. Application Forms: Forms will be furnished by MFBF and shall constitute agreements on important conditions relative to becoming the Farm Bureau Ambassador.
10. Contestants can only enter this competition for the year of dated application.
11. If chosen as winner, applicant will not be eligible for any other Farm Bureau scholarship.
12. **The Women's Program reserves the right to cancel the Ambassador Contest in the event fewer than three contestants register by the deadline.**

## General Contest Instructions and Responsibilities

The following instructions apply to the Farm Bureau Ambassador competition.

1. **Eligibility:** Recipient must be a Mississippi Farm Bureau member or a member of a Mississippi Farm Bureau family with current membership for at least 60 days prior to applying.
2. **Age Limit:** Age limits for contestants shall be 19-25 years of age.
3. **Timing of Contest: All deadlines shall be observed. Applications and essays must be in the MS Farm Bureau Federation Office by August 1.**
4. **Judges:** State contest judges will be secured by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.
5. **Property Liability:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation is not responsible in any way for loss or damage to any articles of clothing, accessories, or any other items used in the competition.
6. **County Responsibility:** A county Farm Bureau may send entries to the MFBF Office. It is the responsibility of the county Farm Bureau to sponsor their winning contestant in the state competition.
7. **State Responsibility:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation will arrange the program and hold the state contest.
8. **Time Limits:** All time limits will be enforced through downgrading of scores at the rate of five points per minute.
9. **Judges:** "Tie winners" are not acceptable.