

MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU® FEDERATION WOMEN

SPONSOR OF

AG AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION OFFICE BY DEADLINE AUGUST 1

GUIDELINES:

1. Scholarship will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women's Program.

One scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 for the student winner of the ambassador scholarship who will be attending any Mississippi university or community college.

2. Payment of this scholarship will be made in two (2) equal installments during the two (2) semesters of the school year immediately following the award of this scholarship. If the student withdraws from school the scholarship terminates.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university, college, or community college in the student's name upon notification of student's enrollment in an approved course of study.
4. To be eligible to receive the second payment, the student must again be enrolled in an approved course of study and must have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the university or community college documenting these two (2) requirements is required.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be returned to the Farm Bureau Women's Program Fund.
6. County Farm Bureau President must certify that the applicant is a member of a county Farm Bureau member family with current membership for at least 60 days prior to applying.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Contestant 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. He/She must enroll in an approved area of study or already be enrolled in an approved course of study at a Mississippi university or community college.
3. He/She must submit a fully completed application and supporting material by the established deadline.
4. The applicant must have completed at least one full year of college courses.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipients using the following criteria:

30pts.	Application and Essay
40pts.	Interview with Judges
20pts.	Oral Presentation
10pts.	Dress (appropriate attire)

The following information and materials must be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A certified transcript or official letter containing college grades.
2. A list of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official and a local citizen from your county.
4. A list of church and/or community activities.
5. One essay – 300 words or less on an agriculture-related topic.

Mail completed application and supporting materials to:

**Women's Programs
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
P. O. Box 1972
Jackson, MS 39215-1972**

**FARM BUREAU® FEDERATION
AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ e-mail _____

I am a: Sophomore Junior Senior

Name of College, University or Community College: _____

School Address: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

School Activities: _____

Community/Organizational Activities: _____

Honors/Awards/Achievements: _____

Plans for the future: _____

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE:

Briefly describe your and / or your family's involvement in Farm Bureau:

Write a short paragraph (using only the space provided) telling why you think you would make a good Mississippi Farm Bureau Ambassador:

Please attach a color photo of yourself and a 300 word or less essay on agriculture. It is required that you interview at least one farmer or agribusiness person on the essay subject and include a portion of the interview in your essay.

**APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
DUE IN THE
MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION OFFICE
BY
DEADLINE
AUGUST 1**

CONTESTANT CONSENT:

I have reviewed and understand the guidelines for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Ambassador Scholarship Program. If I am selected, I will make predetermined appearances on behalf of agriculture and Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. These appearances will include *Day at the Capitol, Ronald McDonald, Women’s Leadership Conference, AITC Workshop*, civic organizations, and other events deemed appropriate. I will also attend and assist with the next year’s contest to be held at the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting. Expenses will be paid for approved appearances.

I further acknowledge and consent that should I be selected as the recipient of the Ag Ambassador Scholarship, I will support Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Policies and Positions during my term. I will refrain from making statements contrary to Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Policies and Positions both publicly and privately, including social media. I understand that the determination of whether I have made statements contrary to Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Policies and Positions lies solely with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Should I make statements contrary to Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Policies and Positions, I acknowledge that the Ag Ambassador Scholarship can be withdrawn and I will be required to repay any amounts expended on my behalf.

Contestant’s Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTAL CONSENT:

I approve my son/daughter participating in the Mississippi Farm Bureau Ambassador competition and I understand that if selected, he/she will be expected to participate in events and promotions around the state as the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Ambassador. I further acknowledge that I have read this entire application, discussed it with my son/daughter, understand its contents and agree to be bound by its terms.

Name of Parents or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Farm Bureau: _____ Membership No.: _____

COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT CERTIFIED:

I _____ President of _____ County Farm Bureau, certify that the above referenced applicant for Ag Ambassador is a member of a member family of _____ County Farm Bureau.

President’s Signature _____ Date _____