GUIDELINES:

1. Scholarships will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Women’s Programs Berta Lee White Scholarship Fund.
   a. Scholarships in the amount of $3,000 each for four female students attending any Mississippi university or community college.
2. Payment of each scholarship will be made in two (2) equal installments during the two (2) semesters of the school year.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student’s name upon notification of student’s enrollment in an agriculture related course of study.
4. To be eligible to receive the second payment, the student must again be enrolled in an agricultural related 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 essential.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be placed in the Berta Lee White Scholarship Fund. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll or does not enroll in an agricultural related course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen in the initial selected process.
ELIGIBILITY:

1. Recipients 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. She must enroll in an agricultural related area of study or already be enrolled in an agricultural related course of study at a Mississippi university or community college.

3. Recipient must submit a completed application and supporting materials on or before June 1.

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 selections of the recipients using the following criteria:

| SCHOLARSHIP PERFORMANCE                         | 20% |
| SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES                 | 10% |
| LEADERSHIP QUALITIES                            | 10% |
| LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION                       | 10% |
| ESSAYS                                          | 10% |
| FINANCIAL NEED                                  | 40% |

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

The following information and materials should 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. Two (2) essays:
   a. 300 words or less on the topic: “What will my contribution be to the field of agriculture?”
   b. 200 words or less on the topic: “Why do I need a scholarship?”
   (Be sure to include any factors relating to financial need such as family income, size of family, health of family, etc.)

Application and supporting materials should be mailed to: Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Attn: Women’s Programs  
Post Office Box 1972  
Jackson, MS 39215
MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
BERTA LEE WHITE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: ____________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS: _______________________________________
(Street/Route) (City) (Zip Code)

PHONE: __________________ COUNTY: ____________ EMAIL: __________________

Mississippi Farm Bureau Membership #:____________________________

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _______________ Current Age: _______________

Father’s Name: __________________________ Father’s Occupation ___________

Mother’s Name: __________________________ Mother’s Occupation ___________

Number of Dependent Children: ______________

School Applicant Attending: _________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

Advisor: _________________________________________________________

I certify that the above listed and attached information is true and correct. I further certify that I have reviewed and understand the guidelines for this scholarship.

Signed: ___________________________ Signed: _______________________
(Applicant) (County Farm Bureau President)

Date: _______________ Date: _______________

Mail application and supporting materials to:
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Attn: Women’s Programs
Post Office Box 1972
Jackson, MS 39215

Application and supporting materials must be in the MS Farm Bureau Federation Office by Deadline June 1.
TO:     BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

RE:     BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you for your inquiry into the Berta Lee White Scholarship administered by Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Programs.

Enclosed are the application, scholarship information and requirements.

Applications and supporting documents must be received in the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation office by the Deadline June 1, to be eligible for a scholarship.

Please return the completed application and related data.

Good luck.

Enclosure
CHECK LIST:

_____ CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OR OFFICIAL LETTER CONTAINING COLLEGE GRADES

_____ LIST OF EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SIGNED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR ADVISOR

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ON CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

_____ A: ONE LETTER FROM SCHOOL OFFICIAL

_____ B: ONE LETTER FROM LOCAL CITIZEN FROM YOUR COUNTY

_____ LIST OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

TWO ESSAYS

_____ A: 300 WORDS OR LESS – “WHAT WILL MY CONTRIBUTION BE TO THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE?”

_____ B: 200 WORDS OR LESS – “WHY DO I NEED A SCHOLARSHIP?”