



# YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2019

## **IMPORTANT:**

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION OFFICE **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1** OF EACH YEAR.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Eight competitive scholarships will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation:
  - a. Four Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each for those attending any Mississippi university or community college.
  - b. Hugh Arant Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for a student attending Mississippi State University.
  - c. Don Waller Honorarium Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for a student attending any Mississippi university or community college.
  - d. David Waide Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for a student attending any Mississippi university or community college.
  - e. Mississippi Farm Bureau Leaders in Agriculture Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for a student attending Alcorn State University.
2. Payment of these scholarships will be made in two equal installments during the two semesters of the school year. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll in an agricultural course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be forfeited.
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 agricultural course of study at a Mississippi college or university.
4. To be eligible to receive the second payment, the student must again be enrolled in an agricultural 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. Documentation of these two requirements from the student's school is required.
5. If scholarship funds are forfeited, that money will remain in the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicants must be a Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation member or the child of a Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation member.
2. Applicants must enroll in or already be enrolled in an agricultural area of study at a Mississippi college or university.

3. Entering freshmen are eligible to apply for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarships; however, there can only be a total of up to three freshmen scholarship recipients per year. Entering freshmen may be able to receive up to two of the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship and/or the David Waide Scholarship.
4. Graduate students are eligible to apply for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarships; however, there can only be a total of up to three graduate student scholarship recipients per year.
5. Applicants must submit a **fully completed** application and supporting material by the established deadline: **June 1 of each year.**

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

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

Scholastic Performance	20%
Financial Need	20%
School and Community Activities	20%
Leadership Qualities	20%
Essays	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

1. **For students already enrolled in college:** a college and/or high school transcript or official letter containing student's grades for the past two years. **For entering freshmen:** a high school transcript or official letter containing student's grades for the past two years.
2. **Two** letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities - one from a **current** school official and one from a local citizen from applicant's county.
3. **Two** essays:
  - a. 500 words or less on the topic: *"How can farmers, as good stewards of the land and natural resources, best address sustainability in a rapidly changing world?"*
  - b. 250 words or less on the topic: *"Why 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.)

***Applications without ALL supporting materials will be deemed incomplete and will not be judged.***

**By June 1, application and all supporting materials should be EMAILED to:**

*Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Samantha Laird **AND** Nancy Britt  
[slaird@msfb.org](mailto:slaird@msfb.org) **AND** [nbritt@msfb.org](mailto:nbritt@msfb.org)*



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YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2019**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hometown:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County of Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mississippi Farm Bureau Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Contact your County Farm Bureau Office for this)*

**Date of Birth (M/D/Y):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Dependent Children in Family:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(No abbreviations please.)*

**Collegiate Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Entering Freshman, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate)*

**Advisor's Name and Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular School Activities:** *(Please DO NOT attach a separate list or Résumé.)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church, Civic, and Community Activities:** *(Please DO NOT attach a separate list or Résumé.)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership Positions Held:** *(Please DO NOT attach a separate list or Résumé.)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**I certify that the above listed and attached information is true and correct.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

**The following supporting materials must be included to be eligible for consideration:**

- 1. Documentation of grades for the past two years:**
  - a. For students already enrolled in college: a college and/or high school transcript or official letter containing student's grades for the past two years **OR**
  - b. For entering freshmen: a high school transcript or official letter containing student's grades for at least the past two years
- 2. Two letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities:**
  - a. One letter from a school official **AND**
  - b. One letter from a local citizen from applicant's county
- 3. Two essays:**
  - a. 500 words or less on the topic: *"How can farmers, as good stewards of the land and natural resources, best address sustainability in a rapidly changing world?"* **AND**
  - b. 250 words or less on the topic: *"Why I Need a Scholarship."*
- 4. NO additional lists of activities/accomplishments or résumés should be attached.**

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