IMPORTANT:
PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU ARE USING A CURRENT APPLICATION BY CHECKING THE YEAR LISTED ABOVE. OLD APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Eight competitive scholarships will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) 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 MFBF YF&R Scholarship Foundation.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be a Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation member or the child of a MFBF 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 MFBF YF&R Scholarships; however, no more than three scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen per year.

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4. Graduate students are eligible to apply for the MFBF YF&R Scholarships; however, no more than three scholarships will be awarded to graduate students per year.

5. **DEADLINE:** Applicants must submit a **fully completed** application and **all supporting materials** by the established deadline: **June 1 of each year.**

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

A panel of judges will select scholarship recipients using the following criteria:

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

1. **For students who have completed at least one year of college:** a college transcript showing grades for all completed classes and the student’s cumulative GPA.

   For entering freshmen: a high school transcript showing grades for all completed high school classes and the student’s cumulative GPA.

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. 750 words or less on the following topic: “Bright young minds are one of our nation’s greatest resources. How can Mississippi’s agriculture industry play a role in helping to combat “Brain Drain” in order to keep our state’s most gifted and capable young professionals in Mississippi?”
   b. 250 words or less on the following 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.)

**PLEASE SCAN YOUR APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS (INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION) INTO ONE PDF DOCUMENT TO BE EMAILED FOR SUBMISSION.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Incomplete applications or applications submitted without **ALL** supporting materials **will be disqualified.**
- Applications with plagiarized essays **will be disqualified.**
- Old applications from previous years **will be disqualified.** Please check the year at the top of the application to be sure that the application is current.

**By June 1, application and ALL supporting materials should be SCANNED and EMAILED IN ONE DOCUMENT to:**

_Samantha Laird AND Nancy Britt_

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MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU® FEDERATION
YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020

Name: ____________________________________________ (First) (Middle) (Last)

Email Address: _______________________________ Cell Phone: ______________________________

Home Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

MS Farm Bureau Membership Number: ________ County of Membership: ________________
(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 academic achievement:
   a. For students already enrolled in college: a college transcript showing grades for all completed classes and the student’s cumulative GPA
   b. For entering freshmen: a high school transcript showing grades for all completed high school classes and the student’s cumulative GPA

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4. NO additional lists of activities/accomplishments or résumés should be attached.

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