

**MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU® FEDERATION  
WOMEN'S PROGRAMS  
SPONSOR OF  
BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP**

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|| **APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE** ||

|| **EMAILED TO:** ||

|| [SWLC@msfb.org](mailto:SWLC@msfb.org) ||

|| **BY THE DEADLINE MAY 1 EACH YEAR.** ||

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**GUIDELINES:**

1. Scholarships awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women's Programs Berta Lee White Scholarship Fund.
  - a. Scholarships of \$3,000 each for four female students attending any Mississippi university or community college.
2. Payment of each scholarship 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 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 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 have a high school diploma or GED before the May 1st deadline.
3. 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.
4. Recipient must **email** a completed application and supporting materials on or before **May 1**.
5. The applicant must have completed at least one full year of college courses.

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## 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:

**Email** the following information and materials 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.)

Essays will be checked for CHATGPT or AI editing before judging.

Only original thought essays will be accepted.

**EMAIL** application and supporting materials to: Angie Dear - [SWLC@msfb.org](mailto:SWLC@msfb.org)



**TO: BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT**

**RE: BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP**

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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.

To be eligible for a scholarship, application and supporting documents must be **EMAILED** to: Angie Dear - [SWLC@msfb.org](mailto:SWLC@msfb.org) by the **Deadline MAY 1.**

**Good luck!**

**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/OR 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?"**

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## AG RELATED MAJORS for Scholarships

Agribusiness Management

Agricultural Economics

Agriculture Teacher Licensure

Agronomy

Animal & Dairy Sciences

Animal Nutrition

Animal Physiology

Biochemistry

Community & Extension Education

Early Intervention

Engineering Technology

Entomology

Fashion Design and Product Development

Fashion Merchandising

Food Science & Technology

Genetics

Health Promotion

Horticulture

Human Development & Family Science

Landscape Architecture

Nutrition

Plant Pathology

Poultry Science

Public Health

Teaching & Learning

Weed Science

For more detailed information Please visit: [www.cals.msstate.edu/students/graduate.php](http://www.cals.msstate.edu/students/graduate.php)