

BERTA LEE WHITE

Berta Lee White, or “Bert” as she was best known, served as chair of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Committee for 47 years and chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Committee for 12 years. White traveled the world promoting agriculture. She received the 1992 MFBF Distinguished Service Award and the 1993 AFBF Distinguished Service Award. In addition to her Farm Bureau work, White served in the Mississippi Legislature, where she was a member of the House and the Senate. She was always a loving, giving, spunky, fiercely intelligent woman who was never afraid of anything.

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Programs offers four \$3,000 college scholarships to eligible women enrolled in the field of agriculture.



**For more information,
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BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP \$3,000

The Berta Lee White Scholarship, sponsored by the MS Farm Bureau State Women’s Leadership, has been such a meaningful blessing. It has allowed me to focus on my academics without the stress of financial burdens while pursuing my career in agriculture. Most importantly, it has connected me with inspiring leaders and role models within the agricultural community. This scholarship has encouraged me to continue growing in my career, and in the future, I hope to give back and inspire the next generation to pursue opportunities that help Mississippi agriculture thrive.

Sadie Morris, 2025 Recipient

BERTA LEE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

Four scholarships will be awarded to female students attending any Mississippi university or community college. Scholarships are through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Programs and Berta Lee White Scholarship Fund, and each scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Recipient 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.
- She must have a High School Diploma or GED before the May 1st deadline.
- She must be classified as a sophomore in an agriculture-related course of study at a Mississippi university or community college.
- Student must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.
- Recipients from the preceding year are not eligible to receive the scholarship. There must be a one year break before a recipient can reapply for the Berta Lee White Scholarship.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Payment of each scholarship will be made in two equal installments during the two semesters of the school year.
- Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student’s name upon notification of the student’s enrollment in an agriculture-related course of study.
- To be eligible to receive the second payment, student must be enrolled in an agriculture-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 requirements must be received.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection 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 material must be **emailed** with the scholarship application:

- Certified Transcript or official letter containing college grades.
- List of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
- Two letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official and a local citizen from your county.
- Church and/or community activities.
- **Two Essays:**
 1. 300 words or less on the topic: “What will my contribution be to the field of Agriculture?”
 2. 200 words or less on the topic: “Why do I need a scholarship?”

Essays will be checked for CHATGPT or AI editing before judging. Only original thought essays will be accepted.

- Recipient must **email** completed application and supporting materials to:

SWLC@msfb.org

Application and essays must be EMAILED by:

DEADLINE MAY 1