



The IAA Foundation endeavors to enhance the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer scholarships on behalf of agricultural partners and families who wish to support future generations and help assure a well-qualified and professional agricultural workforce in Illinois while supporting farming communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation offers 78 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. While applicants may apply for multiple awards, they can only receive one scholarship. Certain scholarships may have more specific requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online application and guidelines are found on the [IAA Foundation website](#), along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a *FAQ* section. For additional information please contact the IAA Foundation office at 309.557.2232 or email jsmith@ilfb.org

Application period opens on January 1, 2021 and closes February 15, 2021. **Completed applications must be electronically submitted by 11:59pm on February 15, 2021.**

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants can be a previous recipient of an IAA Foundation scholarship, though certain scholarships restrict the number of times an applicant can be a recipient. All applicants must be a high school graduate or be graduating in 2021 and must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school.

Applicants may not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter in-law of an IAA Foundation trustee, employee, or current member of the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

***Please see each scholarship for specific requirements, limitations, and guidelines.**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In addition to the eligibility guidelines, the following is considered in selecting recipients:

1. Academic Performance (30%)
2. Activities and Leadership (40%)
3. Financial plan (10%)
4. Personal Statements (20%)

TERMS

All scholarship funds are sent to the designated institution prior to the beginning of the academic year. Funds are applied by the institution to fund tuition, room and board and books. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waivers.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP LINEUP

Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship

One \$7,500 scholarship - *Funded through donations from current and former IFB leaders*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must attend the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or Illinois State University in an agriculture department
- For incoming college juniors ONLY
- Must major in a field in direct support of the agriculture industry with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Proven leadership experience with an emphasis on collegiate activity
- Priority given to an individual who is actively engaged in Illinois Farm Bureau activities
- ***Additional essay required on application***

IAA Foundation General Scholarships

Three \$5,000 IAA Foundation Top Scholars

One \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the name of Robert Rouse

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the name(s) of Fletcher A. Gourley and Leonard Southwell

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field at an Illinois institution

Illinois Farm Bureau Presidential Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship – *Established to honor past Presidents who shaped and influenced Illinois Farm Bureau through their leadership.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must major in a field related to direct support of the agricultural industry at an Illinois institution
- For incoming college seniors ONLY (beginning senior year or transfers beginning their senior year)
- Proven leadership experience demonstrated by offices held in clubs/organization at the collegiate, state or national level
- Emphasis placed on Internship/Work Experience on the scholarship application

Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarship

Eight \$1,000 scholarships

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be a current and active member of any Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter, with activities reflected on the application
- Students may only receive a Collegiate Farm Bureau scholarship once

Cashford Farm Youth Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *Established through a bequest by Pearl H. Cashford, a longtime resident of Douglas County who was engaged in business in downtown Tuscola for many years.*

- For incoming sophomore and above college students majoring in agriculture or ag-related fields
- Applicants must be a member, son/daughter of a member of the Douglas County Farm Bureau with voting, or M/PM member status and an Illinois resident.

Charles B. Shuman Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Mr. Shuman's memory, recognize his contributions and reflect his values.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be a graduate level student
- Study/research topic must be related to agriculture policy, agriculture marketing infrastructure, trade of agricultural products, seed technology issues or agriculture production/management practice

Clifton L. Duckworth, CPA Ag Accounting 4 Tomorrow Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established by Clifton Duckworth to give back by supporting education and to commemorate IFB's oldest affiliate, the Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association (IAAA).*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- For incoming college juniors or higher
- Major must be in accounting, with preference to students from a farming background or those interested in pursuing an accounting career that services the agricultural industry

Dale E. Butz Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Dale E. Butz's distinguished career by developing agricultural leaders.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must have a background in production agriculture

Dorothy and Wilhemine Ratermann Scholarship

Ten \$1,100 scholarships - *The Ratermann sisters left a legacy to support education through scholarships funded by Trusts.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member
- Open to any major
- Applicants must be a resident of an Illinois county south of, and including, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, and Clark.

Dr. E. Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor the life of Ray Searby, who was a community college president and later a beef and grain farmer, with a lifetime of interest in farming and education.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Open students attending an Illinois community college only
- Major must be in agriculture, agriculture related fields, education, business or engineering
- Minimum 2.5 GPA required

Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established in memory of this long-time leader of the soybean industry.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must demonstrate current or former active involvement in 4-H and FFA
- Additional short answer (150 words max.) required: What is the future of Illinois soybeans?

Elbert and Mary Elsbury Scholarship

Three \$1,000 scholarships - *Established through a bequest by Elbert and Mary Elsbury to encourage the pursuit of higher education and careers in agriculture.*

- Must be studying agriculture, home economics or related field
- Three equal scholarships awarded with recipients meeting the following:
 - One recipient is a Lake County Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member
 - One recipient is a graduating senior of Warren Township High School, Gurnee, IL (Farm Bureau membership is not required)
 - One recipient is a Lake CFB member, spouse or child of member and a current member of a 4-H club in Lake County

Fletcher A. Gourley, Leonard Southwell & Roger Capps Memorial Scholarship (Prairie Farms Dairy)

Six \$2,000 scholarships to children of current patrons, six \$2,000 scholarships to children of current employees - *Established by Prairie Farms Dairy in memory of years of leadership of Mr. Gourley, Mr. Southwell, and Mr. Capps.*

- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not required, Illinois residency is not required
- Open to any major
- Applicants must be children of Prairie Farms Dairy patrons or children of employees of Prairie Farms Dairy and its subsidiaries (but not joint ventures) with a minimum of three years patronage/employment required. (The three-year minimum is determined as of the application deadline date)
- Students may only receive a Prairie Farms Dairy scholarship twice

Greg Carney Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship - *Established to honor the memory of Greg Carney, a Farm Bureau employee and University of Illinois graduate.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be actively involved in production agriculture in a family farm operation
- Must be a current or former active 4-H member

H.R. Beeson Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship – *Established to honor Harry Richey Beeson who was an Illinois farmer, agricultural educator and soil conservationist*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field at an Illinois institution
- Preference given to students from Clay, Crawford and Macon counties

Harris Thomas Scholarship

Five \$2,000 scholarships- *This endowed legacy fund honors Ewell and Josephine Harris and Frank and Jacqueline Thomas for the benefit of agricultural students.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be an undergraduate, excluding students attending the University of Illinois
- Preference to students who reside in southern Illinois, defined as south of Springfield but open to all

Heartland NAMA Steven A. Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *Established by the Heartland Chapter in memory of Steven A. Hammerschmidt, a long time agri-marketing professional with GROWMARK and a Heartland Chapter leader.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be an incoming junior or senior
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must attend an Illinois institution with an active NAMA chapter in the Heartland region: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Illinois College - Jacksonville

Herman E. Wiedle and Cecilia E. Wiedle Scholarship

Three \$2,000 scholarships - *With a gift of farmland, the Wiedle's support students in their home community through this scholarship fund.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Open to any major
- Must be a resident of Clinton County

Illinois Award Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established by an anonymous donor with close ties to Illinois Farm Bureau, seeking to improve leadership skills in the field of agriculture.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be an incoming freshman
- Priority will be given to students from Cass, Morgan, Stark and Henry counties

Jean Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship and one \$3,000 scholarship - *Jean's legacy of a farm gift supports students pursuing careers where they can help care for animals.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be an undergraduate majoring in Animal Science or Pre-Veterinary Medicine (\$1,500)
- Must be a Post-Graduate entering Veterinary Medicine (\$3,000)

Leonard C. Zimmerly Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Leonard Zimmerly, a teacher, farmer and proud member of Tazewell CFB who influenced many students in school and in career choices.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field at a four-year institution
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Preference given to students attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and students from Tazewell county, but open to all

Martha J. and Walter J. Wills Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *During his lifetime, Dr. Wills established this fund to support agriculture students at the University where he served for 27 years.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field except equine, floriculture or forestry at Southern Illinois University
- Student's parents must live on and operate a farm

Mary Lou Diebold Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to recognize the dedication and passion Ms. Diebold had for agriculture and community involvement throughout Lake County.*

- Must be a member or child of a member of Lake County Farm Bureau for at least two years
- Open to any major, with preference to a field related to agriculture at any four-year institution
- Minimum 3.0 GPA is required

Robert F. Rouse Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established in memory of Robert F. Rouse, who was closely associated with Illinois Farm Bureau in Lake County.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field at an Illinois institution
- Preference given to Lake County residents

Sara C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships and two \$2,500 scholarships - *Established to honor Sara C. Andrews, who was deeply rooted in Illinois, in her farm and in her family.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be an incoming freshman (Two \$1,000)
- Must be an incoming junior (Two \$2,500)
- Preference given to students actively engaged in agriculture on a family farm operation

Twin Creek Family Farm Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *A family established scholarship that supports youth in their home community who are interested in agriculture.*

- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not required
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field
- Must be an Edgar County resident
- Must be an incoming freshman

Vincent O Greene Memorial Scholarship

Four \$1,000 scholarships - *Mr. Greene left a legacy to support students pursuing careers in agriculture who demonstrate qualities of leadership, citizenship and commitment to agriculture.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field

William J. Kuhfuss Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Mr. Kuhfuss for his many years of leadership in agriculture.*

- Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse or child of member, and an Illinois resident
- Must be majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field at an Illinois institution
- Preference given to students from an agricultural background or working toward an occupation in or related to the field of agriculture