

# National Farmers

*Prior Farm Kids Winners*



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## Farm Kids *for* College Scholarship

National Farmers launched scholarship program more than two decades ago to invest in the future of agriculture-oriented young people. Farm Kids for College Scholarship winners have pursued degrees in agronomy, agribusiness, dairy science, animal science, farm business and more. The adventures agriculture provides are many, and the Farm Kids for College contest helps students in their college pursuits at four-year colleges or technical and community colleges.

“Our 2025 Farm Kids for College Scholarship competition application materials are available now, and we look forward to seeing applications from students devoted to lives in agriculture,” said Perry Garner, National Farmers national scholarship coordinator.

High school seniors planning to earn an agricultural degree from an accredited college or university are eligible, and must submit materials by Feb. 18, 2025. Based upon competitive selection, National Farmers will announce three national scholarship winners April 15, 2025. Three winners will receive either \$2500, \$1500, or \$1,000 toward their freshman year in college.

# SCHOLARSHIP BASICS

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**YOU COULD WIN \$2500, \$1500 OR 1,000  
TO HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE  
YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR!  
AWARD DISBURSED DIRECTLY  
TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.**

## QUALIFY

To be eligible for the National Farmers Farm Kids for College Scholarship, you must:

- Be a high school senior in the U.S.
- Major in an agricultural field at an accredited college or university

In addition to the two-page application, please send:

- Typed essays, listed below
- Two letters of reference
- Official high school transcript, and official GPA
- Official ACT or SAT score
- A recent photo for use in future scholarship promotions, member publications, social media and on our web site, [nationalfarmers.com](http://nationalfarmers.com) (It will only be used if you earn a scholarship. Photos will not be returned.)

*As is customary, reference letters, transcript and GPA, and official ACT or SAT score, should be sent in sealed envelopes.*

## THE ESSAYS

*As part of the application, you are required to write two essays.*

The essays give our judges a picture of your understanding of complex topics in agriculture. With that in mind, please be sure to answer the questions thoroughly and to the best of your ability. Feel free to interview individuals knowledgeable in the agriculture industry, specifically in ag marketing and risk management, and use agriculture publications as sources.

1. How can marketing production with other farmers and ranchers improve prices for grain, dairy and livestock?
2. Choose one strategy: Niche marketing, price risk management or price negotiation. Discuss and give examples of how that strategy can increase financial rewards on an independent farm.

*(Total for both questions: 850 words minimum, 1,200 words maximum)*

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## STUDENTS -

## YOUR NEXT STEPS

### YOUR FARM KIDS FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP BIG TO-DO

1. Complete the application and essays.
2. Request Reference letters from teachers, activity sponsors, employers, coaches, pastors or others. Give them adequate time, and politely check in with them to see if it's been done in advance of the deadline.
3. Check the application's State Coordinators page for where to send scholarship materials. If you do not know where to send your application, call 800.247.2110, ext. 4674. *We advise you to do this weeks in advance.*
4. Arrange for official transcripts and GPA to be sent. (Reference letters, transcripts and GPA information should also be sent with your completed application and essays, but in a separate, sealed envelope or envelopes.)
5. Submit your application and accompanying materials to your state National Farmers scholarship coordinator. Materials must be post-marked by Feb. 18, 2025.
6. Wait for *announcement of winners April 15, 2025*. We'll contact you if you received a national scholarship!
7. Friend National Farmers on Facebook and/or follow @NatlFarmers on Twitter to get to know the Farm Kids for College parent organization better. We will use Facebook as one scholarship announcement avenue.

**REMEMBER!**  
**THE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**DEADLINE IS**  
**FEB. 18, 2025!**

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# APPLICATION

PART 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Telephone/Mobile Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-mails: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ High school telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your planned major: \_\_\_\_\_

Where you plan to attend college: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your plans for the future and how you will use your degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, e-mail and phone number of local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, e-mail and phone number of local radio station: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# APPLICATION

PART 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how you are involved in agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_

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High school activities and honors (including year participated and offices):

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Community activities and honors (including year participated and offices):

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# DEADLINES

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**SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES: THIS IS  
YOUR DEADLINE!**

**FEB. 18 - 2025**

Scholarship applications from all students due to appropriate state coordinator *or* national scholarship coordinator, if there is no state coordinator where you live. (Postmarked by Date)

**MARCH 18 - 2025 - STATE COORDINATORS' DEADLINE**

Winning state applications from state judges due to national headquarters.  
(Received by Date, not Postmarked date.)

**APRIL 15 - 2025 - ANNOUNCEMENT DAY**

National Winners Announced!

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# STATE COORDINATORS 2025 National Farmers

Please send your application and all scholarship materials to the contact in your state. Your application mailing must be postmarked by Feb. 18, 2025.

If a coordinator is not listed for your state, please send materials to the address below, assuring they are postmarked by Feb. 18, 2025. All others, send to the state contact listed.

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*Not all states offer monetary awards.*