



# YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

**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. **Eleven** competitive scholarships will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Scholarship Foundation:
  - a. **Six General 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 YF&R 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.
  - f. **MFBF Region 8 Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship** in the amount of \$3,000 for a student who is a county Farm Bureau member in Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, or Stone county attending any Mississippi university or community college.
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. Grandchildren of MFBF members will not be eligible unless the grandparent is the scholarship applicant's legal guardian.

2. Applicants must be majoring 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.
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: **May 1, 2025**.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

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

Scholastic Performance	20%
Financial Need	20%
School and Community Activities	20%
Leadership Qualities	20%
Essays	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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: *“The landscape of American agriculture, and the picture of the “typical” American farm continues to change. Meanwhile, Farm Bureau will need to continue to recruit and retain members in order to be a vibrant and effective organization into the future. How can Farm Bureau continue to provide value and opportunity to welcome members from across the broad range of modern farmers and ranchers and across younger generations?”*
  - 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 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 May 1, completed applications and **ALL** supporting materials must be submitted via the online platform found here:**

**<https://form.jotform.com/250295062882157>**



**MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU® FEDERATION  
YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MS Farm Bureau Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Member:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Contact your County Farm Bureau Office for this information.)*

**County of Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth (M/D/Y):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Dependent Children in Family:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Occupations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Attending in Fall 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Collegiate Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Entering Freshman, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate)*

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Future Career Goals:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(No abbreviations please.)*

**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

**2. Two letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities:**

- a. One letter from a **current** school official **AND**
- b. One letter from a local citizen from applicant's county

**3. Two essays:**

- a. 750 words or less on the following topic: "The landscape of American agriculture, and the picture of the "typical" American farm continues to change. Meanwhile, Farm Bureau will need to continue to recruit and retain members in order to be a vibrant and effective organization into the future. How can Farm Bureau continue to provide value and opportunity to welcome members from across the broad range of modern farmers and ranchers and across younger generations?"
- b. 250 words or less on the following topic: "Why I Need a Scholarship."

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

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**For questions, please contact Samantha Laird at [slaird@msfb.org](mailto:slaird@msfb.org) or 601-573-7913.**