

National Farmers

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Farm Kids for College Scholarship

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in National Farmers Farm Kids for College Scholarship program. Enclosed are the materials you need to apply for the scholarship. Please review all the materials carefully.

We are awarding three scholarships, for \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000 in 2026. When you have completed the requirements for the scholarship, please submit everything to me, the state coordinator, by Feb. 17, 2026. The address is below. We announce winners April 14, 2026, so you'll hear from us if you've earned a scholarship!

My address for submitting your scholarship application for consideration is:

If you have any questions, please call me at (____) ____ - _____.

Sincerely,

State Coordinator, Farm Kids for College
National Farmers

Charlotte Zschetzche
1311 Boxelder St
Mountain Lake, MN
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SCHOLARSHIP BASICS

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YOU COULD WIN \$2500, \$1500 OR 1000
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

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

• A recent photo for use in future scholarship promotions, member publications, social media and on our web site, nationalfarmers.com
(It will only be used if you earn a scholarship. Photos will not be returned.)

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

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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 separate, sealed envelopes.)
5. Submit your application and accompanying materials to your state National Farmers scholarship coordinator. Materials must be postmarked by Feb. 17, 2026.
6. Wait for *announcement of winners April 14, 2026*. 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. 17, 2026!

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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: _____



APPLICATION

Part 1



Name: _____

Explain how you are involved in agriculture: _____

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

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