



2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau Foundation was organized to carry out charitable, scientific, literary and education work. Scholarships enhance the future of agriculture by providing financial assistance to Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau members, or their children who major in an agricultural-related field of study at a recognized junior college or 4-year institution that offers agriculture science courses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

CMFB Foundation will award at least three \$1,000 scholarships and the Jo Ann Aufdenkamp Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) to our top applicant.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be typed & signed. Applications can be filled out online, mailed or dropped off in person at our office (1152 Tendick St. - Jacksonville). The application period runs from January 1, 2024, to March 28, 2024.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants may have been the recipient of a previous CMFB Foundation scholarship (limit of four times & one time for Aufdenkamp scholarship). All applicants must meet the following general criteria to be considered.

1. Must be a high school senior or currently enrolled in college to apply.
2. Must be a Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau member, or dependent.
3. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited junior college or 4-year institution that offers agriculture science courses & plan to major in an agriculture field of study.
4. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.
5. Must be a resident of Illinois.
6. Must include a recent transcript of high school and/or college grades.
7. Must include a senior picture or the like for use in our newsletter and social media. (Past applicants not needed.)

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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

1. Academic Performance
2. Involvement in School Activities and proven Leadership
3. Involvement in the Community
4. Strength of Personal Essay
5. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and agribusiness
6. Strength of Personal Recommendations/References

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 be split evenly between the fall and spring semester. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waivers.

Recipients: Attendance is appreciated at our Playday Fundraiser at The Links July 29, 2024.

Applications must be time stamped online or received inside our office by 4:30 pm on March 28, no exceptions. Direct questions to Lindsay Ryan, Manager (217) 245-6833 or cmfb1@frontier.com



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part 1: General Information

1. Name _____ Date of Birth _____
2. Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3. Phone _____ 4. Email _____
5. High School _____ 6. Date of Graduation _____
7. Father's & Mother's Name _____
8. Applicant's or Parent's Farm Bureau Membership Number _____
9. College/University information (if scholarship is awarded funds will be sent to this address unless the Foundation is otherwise notified prior to disbursing funds)
Fall 2024 College/University _____
Dept/Office _____
Street/Box# _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Student ID # _____

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge,
all information included in this application is correct and complete.*

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT: Application **MUST** be signed by both the applicant and a parent or guardian.

Part 2: Academic Information and Plans

1. What is your high school/college G.P.A.? _____
(Include most recent H.S./College Transcript)

2. What is your class rank? _____ Number in class? _____ ACT/SAT Score? _____
(Not required after completing 2 full semesters of post high school education.)

3. What college, university or vocational school will you attend/are you attending?

4. What will be/is your major field of study? _____

Part 3: Activities (one-page maximum, 12pt font, 1 ½ line spaced, bullet points, typewritten)

1. List (**bold & underline**) high school/college activities and clubs in which you participated in.

a. Indicate the offices and positions of leadership you held, years you participated, as well as any honors you received. Please clearly separate high school and college.

EXAMPLE:

• HIGH SCHOOL:

1. **Basketball**: 2020-2024, team captain JR SR
2. **FFA**: 2020-2024, VP JR, PRES SR

• COLLEGE:

1. **Sigma Alpha**: 2nd VP JR

2. List (**bold & underline**) church, civic, or community activities (not directly connected with high school/college) in which you have participated.

a. Indicate offices and positions of leadership you have held years you participated, as well as any honors you have received. Please clearly separate high school and college. EXAMPLE:

• HIGH SCHOOL:

1. **Church Youth Group**: 2019-2023, lead speaker in youth worship service.

• COLLEGE:

1. **Food Pantry Volunteer**: 2019-2021, 4-H donated and worked monthly.

Part 4: Essay (one-page maximum, 12pt font, 1 ½ line spaced, typewritten)

Topic: “In your opinion, what is the biggest issue facing agriculture?”

Part 5: Personal Recommendations and References

Please submit one character reference letter **from an instructor, counselor or advisor** with this application.