

## 2020 Decatur Farm Bureau Scholarship

**Purpose:** The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for a student to further their education. The scholarship(s) is awarded based upon various criteria that reflect the values and purposes of Decatur County Farm Bureau to promote and advocate for agricultural and rural needs. Please provide sufficient details and information about your qualifications to give the judges a clear picture of your future plans.

**Application Process:** An application form must be completed by the student applying for assistance. The application must include required signatures and submitted to the Decatur County Farm Bureau email at [jennifer.young@infb.com](mailto:jennifer.young@infb.com). The application must also include an academic ONLY transcript (please exclude any personal information, medical records, etc.). A non-biased external committee will review all applications and approve funds based on criteria stated on evaluation rubric (attached). ***\*Application must be typed in order to be eligible for the award. Handwritten applications will not be considered.***

**Award Amount:** Decatur County Farm Bureau will award up to [2] scholarships of \$1,000 each.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should be a student, age 17-24, accepted or applied to a school of higher learning (career tech/vocational, 2-year, 4-year, continuing education, etc). Student must have a parent or guardian that is a VOTING Indiana Farm Bureau member for at least 2 years.

**Deadline:** All applications are due via email by **11:59 p.m.** (EST) March 1, 2020. Winners will be announced at the student's school awards banquet (in May). *Winners are asked to attend the county annual meeting. Winners can also be announced on social media.*

**Follow Up:** Scholarship awards are renewable, if the student reapplies and is chosen again. Preference may be given to first time applicants. *Winner will receive funds upon completion of one term of study. Proof of satisfactory completion of at least one term must be provided. Funds will be sent directly to school.*

Students may also be eligible for other state or district Farm Bureau Scholarships, including the Marion Stackhouse, Carol Hegel Memorial Scholarship, or Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarships. Due March 1, 2020. Apply directly online at <https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships>

### Decatur County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application

**For internal office use only:**

Applicant number assigned by County Farm Bureau Scholarship Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant's Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: Indiana Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Institution**

Current school attending: (ex. High school, college, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of high school senior awards night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of academic advisor / school counselor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor / counselor email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor / counselor phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ School hours: \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Bureau Membership**

Membership number of qualifying parent or legal guardian of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of membership holder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's relationship to member: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Academic Experience

Intended post-secondary education institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Intended course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

What degree level are you seeking? (ex: associate, bachelors) \_\_\_\_\_

*(please include a academic only transcript)*

### Employment Experience: (limit 150 words each, up to 3 different employment experiences)

1. Include name of employer(s), title (if applicable), length of service, average hours worked per week, brief description of duties

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### Awards & Honors (limit 10 most significant received. Do not include awards received prior to high school)

Name of Award

Awarding Organization

Year Received

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**Please describe your personal background, your goals, why you are seeking this award and what obstacles you have had to overcome.** (limit 350 words).

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**Please describe your desired career path and provide two reasons why you chose this career.** (Limit 350 words)

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**Agricultural-based extracurricular and leadership experience** (limit 10)

*Include 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau membership and office positions, not awards.*

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**Community or school-based extracurricular and leadership experience** (limit 10)

*Include: Church, school clubs (not FFA), Scouts, sports, etc.*

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Essay -

***The mission of Indiana Farm Bureau is to promote agriculture through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agricultural and rural needs. What is one of the most important issues facing the future of farming and agriculture and how do you believe it will affect the industry?*** (Limit 500 words)

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