

Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program

The Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to a Lee County student pursuing an agriculture or agricultural-related undergraduate degree. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound student planning to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for a scholarship, the applicant

- must be a member of Farm Bureau (member number required)
- must be a resident of Lee County
- must be a properly enrolled student in a two- or four- year college, university, or technical school agriculture or agricultural-related undergraduate degree program
- must have maintained a 3.0 GPA in order to qualify for the scholarship (a transcript must accompany the application form)

Application Process

Students competing for the scholarship must provide all of following by the application deadline:

- An official Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program Application Form.
 - Applications must be typed or completed online and printed.
 - The application form must contain the required high school and higher education information in addition to academic awards, school activities, community activities, work experience, career goals, past or present employment, honors and awards received in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, church, community projects, membership in honorary societies, other organizations, and any offices held, or any other information about the applicant that the committee may find valuable in the selection process.
 - The application form may be re-typed but must be submitted on the same number of pages as the original official form. All questions must be re-printed in their entirety if the form is re-typed. The font size must be a minimum of 12 points for all sections. Margins must be a minimum of one-half inch on all sides.
 - Application guidelines can be amended or added to by the Lee County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Once submitted, all applications become the property of the Lee County Farm Bureau.
- A copy of most recent high school transcript showing all grades, SAT scores, GPA and class rank.
- A one-page essay answering the question, "Where do you want to be ten years from now and how do you plan to be able to impact agriculture?" (Limit to one page typed and double spaced).
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation. (Family member recommendations will not be accepted.)

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Application Deadline: The application deadline is April 15.

Applications may be obtained from the Lee County Farm Bureau office or the online fillable application may be downloaded and completed at https://www.scfb.org/about-us/county-offices/lee-county.

Mail the official scholarship application with Lee County Farm Bureau member number and all other required documentation and references to:

Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program PO Box 321 Bishopville, SC 29010

For more information, contact Christy Hopkins at 803-484-6187 or christyhopkins@scfbins.com.

Selection

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, demonstrated leadership ability, and dedication to agriculture or agricultural-related fields. The recipient will be selected by the Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program Committee in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Lee County Board of Directors. In all cases of selection, the decision of the Committee will be final.

Award Process

The recipient will be notified by the Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program Committee Chair by May 15.

The scholarship will be credited to the recipient's school of choice – half at the beginning of the fall semester and the remainder at the beginning of the spring semester.

The scholarship check will be written jointly to the recipient and the college, university, or institution of higher learning in which the recipient is enrolled.

I have read and understand the Lee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program application, selection, and award criteria. *Applicant's Initials* _____