



The Darlington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Award(s) are sponsored to provide scholarship assistance to students from Darlington County Farm Bureau families to pursue a higher education and who are committed to the agricultural industry in South Carolina. Preference is given to students who are majoring in agriculture or an agricultural-related major. It is also desired that the scholarship(s) will result in the encouragement of students to develop the knowledge and skills to assume positions of leadership in agriculture, civic affairs and/or public service.

The scholarship(s) is valued at \$1000 annually. College students must reapply each year. Number of scholarships to be determined by the Darlington County Farm Bureau Board of Directors based on available funds.

Eligibility:

- Either Student or Parent(s) must be a current Darlington County Farm Bureau Member
- Student must be accepted if a high school senior or properly enrolled at an accredited university pursuing an undergraduate degree
- Rising college freshman (current high school seniors), sophomores, junior or seniors are eligible to apply
- PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO STUDENTS MAJORING IN AGRICULTURE OR AN AG RELATED MAJOR

Selection:

The scholarship applications will be judged on the following:

- Student's Essay and Focus on career in agriculture or ag-related field – 30 points
- Agricultural Activities such as farm employment, FFA, 4-H, Farm Bureau Youth events, etc.) – 20 points
- Academic Achievement – 20 points
- Other school/community/church activities – 15 points
- Letter(s) of Recommendation, which should include character references – 10 points
- Grammar/Neatness of Application – 5 points

Complete applications must mailed or hand-delivered to the Darlington County Farm Bureau Office no later than April 1. Recipients will be announced by May 31 and will be recognized at the Darlington County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in the fall.

Physical Address:
Darlington County Farm Bureau
454 N Gov. Williams Hwy
Darlington, SC 29532

Mailing Address:
Darlington County Farm Bureau
PO Drawer 123
Darlington, SC 29540

Darlington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Award Program

Section 1. Applicant Information

Farm Bureau Member #: _____ Membership in the name of: _____

Applicant's Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Section 2. Parents/Guardians

Name of Parents or Guardians: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Section 3. College/University

College/University/Community College Attending: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Brothers and Sisters:	Age:	Current status if still a dependent:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Section 4. High School

School Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Major Courses Taken (with emphasis toward college major): _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____ Academic Rank in Class: _____

SC Uniform Grading Scale GPA: _____

Section 5. Higher Education

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Other Schools Attended (If applicable):

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Class Status (Check one): Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Cumulative Grade Point Ratio (GPR): _____ (2.3 is the minimum to apply) Previous Semester GPA: _____

Section 6. Academic Awards

Section 7. School Activities

Section 8. Farm/Agriculture-related Activities (Farm Employment, Farm Bureau Youth Events, FFA, 4-H, etc.)

Section 8. Other Activities (Church, Community Involvement, Work Experience, etc.)

Section 9. Required Essay: Write a one-page essay regarding your background, future plans and qualifications. Indicate how you believe your education will assist you in assuming leadership positions in agriculture and public service. (Limit 300 words, typed and double-spaced).

Section 11. Letters of Recommendation: Attach at least one with a maximum of three letters of reference from teachers/professors, faculty advisor, employer, and others. Reference letters should information on character, leadership abilities and dedication to agriculture. (Application will be considered incomplete without a reference letter.)

Section 10: Applicant Acknowledgement of Satisfactory Academic Standing

I am a properly enrolled student at _____ (Name of College) in good standing (as defined by the Registrar's Office) and I understand that I am required to maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree as defined by the Registrar's minimum requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

To ensure that your application is processed, be sure that each one of the five items below is included and mailed with your application. For application details, see the application guidelines. Applications missing items will not be accepted for the selection process.

- _____ 1. A Darlington County Scholarship Application Form
- _____ 2. A copy of most recent high school or college transcript showing all grades and GPA.
- _____ 3. A one page essay on your background and future plans and how your education will help you assume positions of leadership in agriculture, civic affairs and/or public service. *(Limit to 300 words - typed and double spaced).*
- _____ 4. Letter(s) of Recommendation. *(Minimum of 1 letter and maximum of 3 letters. Family member recommendations will not be accepted.)*
- _____ 5. **Application Deadline:** The application deadline is **April 15**. Mail or deliver applications and all required documentation and references to Darlington County Farm Bureau:

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