**Dear Scholarship Applicant:**

**The objective of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation scholarship program is to provide scholarships to college students who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of exceptional scholastic ability. Applicants may have been recipients of a previous Boone County or Winnebago County Farm Bureau® Foundation scholarship. Applicants may receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years.**

**All applicants must meet these eligibility guidelines:**

1. **Must be a high school graduate.**
2. **Must be a Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau member, spouse of member, or member’s child. (Member must have had the membership for at least one full year.)**
3. **Must be a resident of Boone or Winnebago County, IL.**
4. **Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college.**
5. **Must exhibit potential for successful completion of study.**
6. **Will you be enrolled:**

[ ] **Full-Time**

[ ] **Half-Time**

[ ] **Part-Time, explain:** Click here to enter text.

**In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting recipients:**

 **l. Scholarship**

 **- Academic performance and honors**

 **- Rank in class**

 **- ACT score**

 **2. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and agribusiness.**

 **3. Character and personality**

 **- Maturity**

 **- Industriousness and motivation**

 **- Intellectual interest**

 **- Moral character**

 **- Demonstrated leadership**

**Important**

**You are responsible for including the following items with your application. If one or more documents are missing, your application may be disqualified. Transcripts and/or reference letters may be mailed separately, if necessary.**

[ ]  **High School Transcript (Only if first application)**

[ ]  **Community college/college transcript (Most recent year)**

[ ]  **Essay**

[ ]  **One Reference Letter (One Educator)**

**Applications must be postmarked on or before April 1st.**

**Mail to:**

 **Ann Marie Cain, Manager**

 **Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation**

 **1925 South Meridian Road**

 **Rockford, Illinois 61102**

**Thank you for your interest. If you have questions regarding the application or scholarship program, please contact Ann Marie Cain at (815) 962-0653.**

**Sincerely,**

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**Ann Marie Cain,**

**Manager**

**WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION**

**MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please type.)

**SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **Student ID Number:** Click here to enter text.

**Home Address: Click here to enter text. Email Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Mailing Address:** Click here to enter text.

**County of Residence:** Click here to enter text. **Phone:** Click here to enter text.

**Parents’ Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Parents’ Address (if different than above):** Click here to enter text.

**Father’s Occupation:** Click here to enter text. **Mother’s Occupation:** Click here to enter text.

**Farm Bureau Membership Number (Applicant or Parents):** Click here to enter text.

**High School Attended:** Click here to enter text. **Graduation Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**Community College Attended:** Click here to enter text. **Graduation Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**College or University Currently Attending or Accepted:** Click here to enter text.

**College or University Address:** Click here to enter text.

**What is/will be your major area of study?** (Please be specific.)

Click here to enter text.

**What is the name and address of your local newspaper?**

Click here to enter text.

**SECTION 2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Enclosed transcripts)**

**High school GPA:** Click here to enter text. **High School class rank:** Click here to enter text.

**No. of students in graduating class:** Click here to enter text.

**Composite ACT score:** Click here to enter text.

**Community College GPA:** Click here to enter text. **GPA Scale (i.e. 4.0 or 5.0):** Click here to enter text.

**Current overall GPA (if enrolled at a four-year school):** Click here to enter text.

**What high school/college academic honors have you received?**

Click here to enter text.

**SECTION 3. ACTIVITIES**

**List agricultural or other clubs to which you belong(ed). Indicate offices held, position of leadership, and activities in which you participated:**

Click here to enter text.

**List church, civic, or community activities:**

Click here to enter text.

**Briefly summarize your experience in agriculture/agribusiness.**

Click here to enter text.

**SECTION 4. PROFESSIONAL GOALS**

**1. What are your reasons for selecting a career field in agriculture, food science, or a related industry?**

Click here to enter text.

**2. What are your career goals?**

Click here to enter text.

**3. What experiences have you had to date that may be relevant to your career goals?**

Click here to enter text.

**4. What additional information about yourself do you wish to share that may be relevant to this application?**

Click here to enter text.

**SECTION 5. ESSAY**

Please attach a typed essay (100 words minimum) on **HOW AGRICULTURE AFFECTS YOU, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, AND THE WORLD, ON A GLOBAL LEVEL.**

**SECTION 6. PERSONAL REFERENCE**

**Please submit a character reference letter from a current Teacher/Instructor with this application. References may NOT be relatives of the applicant. (Teacher/Instructor recommendation sheet is enclosed.)**

**I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and complete.**

**Student’s signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**Parent/Guardians signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:** Click here to enter a date.

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1st.**

**SEND TO: Ann Marie Cain, Manager, Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation**

**1925 South Meridian Road, Rockford, Illinois 61102**

**WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION**

**MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION**

**(To be completed by a current teacher/instructor who has the student in class)**

**1. Application’s Name:** Click here to enter text.

**2. Describe how you know the Applicant.**

Click here to enter text.

**3. Describe the applicant’s academic performance and working habits:**

Click here to enter text.

**4. Described why you believe this applicant will succeed in his/her chosen course of study.**

Click here to enter text.

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Date:** Click here to enter a date.

***Upon completion, return to applicant in a sealed envelope.***