



The IAA Foundation endeavors to enhance the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer scholarships on behalf of agricultural partners and families who wish to support future generations and help assure a well-qualified and professional agricultural workforce in Illinois while supporting farming communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation offers 76 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. While applicants may apply for multiple awards, they can only receive one scholarship. Certain scholarships may have more specific requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online application and guidelines are found on the [IAA Foundation website](#), along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a *FAQ* section. For additional information please contact the IAA Foundation office at 309.557.2232 or email jsmith@ilfb.org

Application period opens on December 1, 2019 and closes February 1, 2020. **Completed applications must be electronically submitted on or before February 1, 2020.**

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants can be a previous recipient of an IAA Foundation scholarship. All applicants must meet the following general criteria to be considered. **Please see each scholarship for specific requirements, limitations, and guidelines.**

1. Must be a high school graduate or graduating in 2020
2. Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse of member, or member's child (except for Prairie Farms Dairy, and Twin Creek Family Farm Scholarships)
3. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field (except for Ratermann, Prairie Farms Dairy, Wiedle, Diebold Scholarships)
4. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study
5. Must be a resident of Illinois (except for Prairie Farms Dairy Scholarships)
6. May not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter in-law of an IAA Foundation trustee, employee, or current member of the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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

1. Academic Performance (30%)
2. Activities and Leadership (35%)
3. Financial plan (10%)
4. Personal Statement (20%)
5. Endorsement (5%)

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 fund tuition, room and board and books. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waivers.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP LINEUP

Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship

One \$7,500 scholarship - *Funded through donations from current and former IFB leaders*

- Must attend University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or Illinois State University in an active agriculture college or department
- For college juniors (beginning junior year-60 credit hours) or transfers beginning their junior year
- Major in a field related to direct support of the agricultural industry
- Proven leadership experience in high school and college with an emphasis on college activity
- Achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Priority given to an individual who is actively engaged in Illinois Farm Bureau activities
- ***Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: My vision for the future of agriculture and how I plan to contribute through the qualities & experiences in leadership I possess.***

IAA Foundation General Scholarships

Three \$5,000 IAA Foundation Top Scholars awarded

- Major must be in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field
- Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college in the state of Illinois

One \$1,000 scholarship in the name of Robert Rouse

Two \$1,000 scholarships in the name(s) of Fletcher A. Gourley and Leonard Southwell

- Major must be in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field at any accredited post-secondary institution with an active agriculture college or department

Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarship

Eight \$1,000 scholarships

- Must be a current/active member of Collegiate Farm Bureau. Activities reflected through the application
- Available to Collegiate members from any Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter in Illinois
- May only receive a Collegiate Farm Bureau scholarship once

Cashford Farm Youth Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *Established through a bequest by Pearl H. Cashford, a longtime resident of Douglas County who was engaged in business in downtown Tuscola for many years.*

- For sophomore and above college student majoring in agriculture or related field
- Applicant must be/become, a member, son/daughter of a member of the Douglas County Farm Bureau with voting, or M/PM member status.

Charles B. Shuman Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Mr. Shuman's memory, recognize his contributions and reflect his values.*

- Must be a graduate level student attending an accredited post-secondary institution
- Study/research topic should be related to agricultural policy, agricultural marketing infrastructure, trade of agricultural products, seed technology issues or agricultural production/management practice.

Clifton L. Duckworth, CPA Ag Accounting 4 Tomorrow Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established by Clifton Duckworth to give back by supporting education and to commemorate IFB's oldest affiliate, the Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association (IAAA).*

- Major must be in accounting
- Preference to students from a farming background or those interested in pursuing an accounting career that services the agricultural industry.
- Must be entering junior year of college or higher

Curt Walters Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship - *Established to honor Curt Walters, an outdoorsman who took life at full speed and never knew a stranger.*

- Student must be entering his/her freshman year studying an ag related major at a community college or attending a trade school

Dale E. Butz Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Dale E. Butz's distinguished career by developing agricultural leaders.*

- Must be a HS Senior post-secondary student with a background in production agriculture who is majoring in agriculture, agribusiness, or an agriculture related field

Dorothy and Wilhemine Ratermann Scholarship

Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships - *The Ratermann sisters left a legacy to support education through scholarships funded by Trusts.*

- Open to any major, recipients must be a resident of an Illinois county south of, and including, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, and Clark.

Dr. E. Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor the life of Ray Searby, who was a community college president and later a beef and grain farmer, with a lifetime of interest in farming and education.*

- Open to any student attending an Illinois community college
- Major must be in agriculture, agriculture related fields, education, business or engineering
- Minimum 2.5 GPA required

Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established in memory of this long-time leader of the soybean industry.*

- For students studying in a field related to agriculture
- Must show current or former active involvement in 4-H and FFA
- Additional short answer (150 words max.) required: What is the future of Illinois soybeans?

Elbert and Mary Elsbury Scholarship

Three \$1,000 scholarships - *Established through a bequest by Elbert and Mary Elsbury to encourage the pursuit of higher education and careers in agriculture.*

- Open to Lake County residents studying agriculture, home economics or related field
- Three equal scholarships awarded with recipients meeting the following:
 - One recipient is a member of Lake County Farm Bureau
 - One recipient is a graduating senior of Warren Township High School, Gurnee, IL
 - One recipient is a current member of a 4-H club in Lake County

Fletcher A. Gourley, Leonard Southwell & Roger Capps Memorial Scholarship (Prairie Farms Dairy)

Six \$2,000 scholarships to children of current patrons, six \$2,000 scholarships to children of current employees - *Established by Prairie Farms Dairy in memory of years of leadership of Mr. Gourley, Mr. Southwell, and Mr. Capps.*

- Open to any major, qualified applicants are children of Prairie Farms Dairy patrons and children of employees of Prairie Farms Dairy and its subsidiaries (but not joint ventures). A minimum of three years as a patron or employee is required. The three-year minimum is determined as of the application deadline date (February 1, 2020).

Greg Carney Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship - *Established to honor the memory of Greg Carney, a Farm Bureau employee and University of Illinois graduate.*

- Open to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign students majoring in agriculture or related
- Must be actively involved in production agriculture in a family farm operation
- Must be a current or former active 4-H member

Harris Thomas Scholarship

Five \$2,000 scholarships - *This endowed legacy fund honors Ewell and Josephine Harris and Frank and Jacqueline Thomas for the benefit of agricultural students.*

- Open to undergraduate students attending an accredited post-secondary institution not including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Preference to students who reside in southern Illinois, defined as south of Springfield but open to all students.

Heartland NAMA Steven A. Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *Established by the Heartland Chapter in memory of Steven A. Hammerschmidt, a long time agri-marketing professional with GROWMARK and a Heartland Chapter leader.*

- For junior or senior level college student majoring in an agriculture related field of study
- Attending an accredited Illinois college or university with an active NAMA chapter in the Heartland region: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Illinois College, Jacksonville
- Must be an Illinois resident

Herman E. Wiedle and Cecilia E. Wiedle Scholarship

Three \$2,000 scholarships - *With a gift of farmland, the Wiedle's support students in their home community through this scholarship fund.*

- Open to Clinton County students

Illinois Award Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established by an anonymous donor with close ties to Illinois Farm Bureau, seeking to improve leadership skills in the field of agriculture.*

- Must be graduating high school senior accepted at an accredited post-secondary institution and majoring in agriculture or related field
- Priority will be given to students from Cass, Morgan, Stark and Henry counties

Jean Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship and one \$3,000 scholarship - *Jean's legacy of a farm gift supports students pursuing careers where they can help care for animals.*

- Open to undergraduates with majors related to Animal Science or Pre-Veterinary Medicine (\$1,500)
- Open to Post-Graduate students entering Veterinary Medicine (\$3,000)

Leonard C. Zimmerly Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Leonard Zimmerly, a teacher, farmer and proud member of Tazewell CFB who influenced many students in school and in career choices.*

- Open to students studying an ag related major at any four-year institution
- Must be an Illinois resident
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 required
- Preference given to students attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and students from Tazewell county, but open to all Illinois students

Mary Lou Diebold Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to recognize the dedication and passion Ms. Diebold had for agriculture and community involvement throughout Lake County.*

- Must be a member or child of a member of Lake County Farm Bureau with an active membership for at least two years
- Open to any major, with preference to a field related to agriculture at any four-year institution
- Minimum 3.0 GPA is required

Robert F. Rouse Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established in memory of Robert F. Rouse, who was closely associated with Illinois Farm Bureau in Lake County.*

- Preference given to Lake County, IL residents, but open to any student in Illinois
- Must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois; Must be a U.S. citizen
- Major must be in agriculture, agriculture related fields, or nursing

Twin Creek Family Farm Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships - *A family established scholarship that supports youth in their home community who are interested in agriculture.*

- Open to Edgar County residents, student must be entering his/her Freshman year of college
- Major must be in agriculture or related field
- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement for this scholarship

Vincent O Greene Memorial Scholarship

Three \$1,000 scholarships - *Mr. Greene left a legacy to support students pursuing careers in agriculture who demonstrate qualities of leadership, citizenship and commitment to agriculture.*

- Major must be in agriculture or related field

William J. Kuhfuss Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship - *Established to honor Mr. Kuhfuss for his many years of leadership in agriculture.*

- Must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois; Must be a U.S. citizen
- Preference given to students from an agricultural background or working toward an occupation in or related to the field of agriculture