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Two ways to apply: **NEW** online application is now available or download fillable Word doc format. Visit <https://www.winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org/scholarships.html>

\*ALL required attachments, except letters of

recommendation, must be submitted at the

same time your application is submitted.

DO NOT send materials separately.

**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. The applicant may have been a past recipient of a Winnebago-Boone 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:**

 **1. Academic**

 **- Academic performance and honors**

 **- Rank in class**

 **- ACT or SAT score**

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

 **3. Character and personality**

 **- Maturity**

 **- Industriousness and motivation**

 **- Intellectual interest**

 **- Moral character**

 **- Demonstrated leadership**

**TERMS: Scholarship funds will be presented to recipients at the June Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation Board Meeting.  (Alternate arrangements will be made for those that are unable to attend.)  All scholarship funds will be made payable to the designated institution.  Funds may be applied by the institution for tuition, room/board, and books.  Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waivers.**

**Applicants will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial on or before April 21, 2025.**

**Important**

**Applicants are responsible for including the following items with your application. If one or more documents are missing, your application will be disqualified.** **Reference letters will be submitted separately.**

[ ]  **High School Transcript (only if this is your first time applying)**

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

[ ]  **Essay**

[ ]  **One Reference Letter (one educator)**

[ ] **Email Photograph** *(if copyrighted, include copy of letter with permission for the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation and Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau to use photograph for future promotions)* **to** **wbfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org**

**Applications, transcripts, and reference letters must be emailed or postmarked on or before February 1st.**

**Email to:** **wbfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org**

**or**

**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) 962-0654 x 102.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ann Marie Cain, FBCM**

**Manager**

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**$1,500 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please type application.)

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

**Name:** Click here to enter text. **Birthdate:** 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): 100-** 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.

**College or University Student ID#:** 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.

*(if available)*

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

**Composite ACT or SAT score:** Click here to enter text. ([ ]  **ACT or** [ ]  **SAT)**

**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 involvement *(Farm Bureau events (e.g. 4-H Public Speaking Training, FFA Safety Expo, Farm Breakfast, Tractor Trek, etc.), Collegiate Farm Bureau, 4-H, FFA, Grange, etc.)* 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**

Completion of this essay is a required component for consideration of your scholarship application. *It must be typed, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font, 250 word minimum, no more than two pages long, and saved as a .pdf*

Essay Question: **EXPLAIN HOW AGRICULTURE AFFECTS YOU, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, AND THE WORLD, ON A GLOBAL LEVEL.**

Click here to enter text.

**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.)

**SECTION 7. PHOTO RELEASE

I/We understand that if selected as a scholarship recipient, the recipient’s name, photograph, and other information pertaining to the recipient may be used by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation and the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau for publicity purposes. These publicity purposes may be in the form of brochures, websites, videos or displays, radio programs and news releases or other forms of media (including but not limited to social media). We hereby authorize the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation and Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau to use recipient’s name, publish recipient’s photograph or other likeness, and use quotes attributed to the recipient and other information pertaining to the recipient. I/We, for ourselves, our heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, expressly release and discharge the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau, all of its affiliated organizations, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, known and unknown, arising out of or in any way connected with the uses described above.**

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

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

(\*required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

**SECTION 8. CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSIONS PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

**I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation to verify such information.**

**I understand that the receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on continued enrollment for a minimum of one year and providing proof of enrollment. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.**

**I also consent to have a copy of my application, and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation.**

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

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**APPLICATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, AND REFERENCE LETTERS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st.**

**SEND TO:** **wbfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org**

 **or**

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**NEW:** Submit recommendation online at <https://form.jotform.com/243035232123138> or via QR code.

**$1,500 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. Describe 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 text.

***Upon completion of this form, email to*** ***wbfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org*** ***or mail directly to Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, post marked by February 1st. (Applicants must submit their application and reference letter by February 1st.)***

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