

## ***Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education*** **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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Dear Applicant:

The Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education Scholastic Award is designed to give financial aid to students who have graduated, or will be graduating from a high school in Sacramento County or has a permanent residence in Sacramento County and plans to pursue a college degree. This financial award is based on scholastic achievement, leadership experiences, career goals, agricultural and community involvement. You must currently be enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, in a two or four year college of your choice.

***Required Documents*** • The following items are required with your application:

- Official sealed school transcript.
  - ~ For high school seniors: Submit an official sealed high school transcript.
  - ~ For college students who have completed one year or more of college: Submit an official sealed college transcript.
  - ~ For college students completing only part of a year: Submit an official sealed college transcript of the formal grading period and a completed high school transcript.
- A one page typed essay, *see below for description*.
- Photograph - Please email a head and shoulders photograph (senior portrait or equivalent) to [AgScholarships@msn.com](mailto:AgScholarships@msn.com), name picture file with your first and last name (i.e.: janesmith.jpg), *to be used for purposes of acknowledging award recipients*.
- Biographical statement, *to be used for purposes of acknowledging award recipients*, this should be 3 to 4 sentences that highlights you and your achievements.
- One current letter of recommendation.

***Eligibility*** • Eligible students include:

- Current or former students of Sacramento County schools (or students who have a permanent residence in Sacramento County) who plan to pursue (or are currently pursuing) a post-secondary education.
- All applicants must enroll in at least twelve (12) academic units in the semester or quarter during the year of the scholastic award. You do not need to be a Farm Bureau member to be eligible for this financial award.

**Personal Essay** • A one page (maximum) typed essay demonstrating the following:

- Using previous activities (extra-curricular and/or school related) to support your answer, express your ongoing interest in agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society,
- Demonstrate how you achieved your academic goals to date and your desire for obtaining a post-secondary academic education (college degree) in a subject area or areas that will build your knowledge and ability to sustain agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society, and
- Explain your career interest. This career path may be either directly related to agriculture or a field that supports agriculture. Demonstrate how this career will sustain agriculture as an important economic and cultural element of our society, and for which post-secondary education is critical for your career success.

The essay shall identify the academic institution and field(s) of study you intend to pursue; in the event the course of study is not inherently or obvious linked to agriculture or agribusiness, you are strongly urged to use the essay and application to link your proposed field of study to long-term goals that will benefit agriculture.

**Letters of Recommendation** • Applicant must submit one (1) current letter of recommendation. The letter must not be longer than one page. Letter from relatives is not acceptable.

**Criteria Used to Select a Winner** • Awards are made based on agricultural involvement, leadership experiences, career goals, scholastic achievement, and community service.

**Deadline** • A completed application packet **must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2012. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.**

**How Many Scholarships Are Awarded** • There is no set number of scholarships awarded. However, each award will be a minimum of \$500.00. The award will be issued after the Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education receives a verification of enrollment from the college or university. This must confirm an agricultural related major and a total of at least 12 units in the first semester or quarter.

**Note to Past Applicants** • All students applying for this award must complete the application process each year.

**To Apply** • The scholarship application with all required material must be submitted to:  
Sacramento Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education  
8970 Elk Grove Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

For your convenience, the scholarship application is available at [www.sacfarmbureau.org](http://www.sacfarmbureau.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Sacramento County Farm Bureau office at (916) 685-6958.



Please describe in a paragraph form your community service activities.

Please describe in paragraph form your leadership roles and experience.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_