

2016
FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION

Mission: *Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. began in 1996 as a non-profit organization seeking to make a difference in students' lives and in our local community's future. Our goal is to identify, through a competitive application and interview process, Fayette County students whose past, present or future includes agricultural activities, and who are likely to make an impact upon our present and future Bluegrass Area. We provide scholarship support to selected individuals for a maximum of four consecutive semesters of full-time vocational/technical institutional studies.*

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

The Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. will award a maximum of \$2,500 (\$1,250 per year) to a Fayette County resident seeking a two-year vocational/technical degree/ certificate from an accredited institution. Scholarship monies can be applied to tuition, housing, books, etc. Payments are made directly to the vocational/technical institution of your choice. The scholarship recipient must demonstrate measurable academic progress toward a two-year vocational/technical degree/certificate of completion from an accredited institution for second year renewal. Scholarship committee decisions regarding award renewal are final.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a member of Fayette County Farm Bureau and remain such while the scholarship is in force. If you are not a member, you may become a member prior to your interview.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student each semester the scholarship payments are made; the student will forfeit the scholarship if attending part-time.
- Reside in Fayette County at the time of application. If not yet a high school graduate you must also attend school in Fayette County.
- Enclose an official high school transcript or GED.
- Submit a college transcript if any college work has been attempted.
- Enclose a letter of recommendation from an employer, school counselor, or teacher.
- Complete the scholarship application, including the essay.
- If invited, interview with the committee. Applicants will be contacted by phone to set up an interview time.

Additional notes:

- The scholarship committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. and will not be returned.
- Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation Inc. scholarship program is open to qualified applicants without regard to race, creed, color, gender, national or ethnic origin.

This application may also be accessed at www.fayettecofarmbureau.com

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: MARCH 25, 2016

All application materials must be postmarked by **March 25, 2016**. No applications will be accepted after this date. Completed applications and supporting materials may be hand-delivered or mailed to:

Fayette County Farm Bureau, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1316 Versailles Rd, Lexington, KY 40504.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please print or type all information on this application. Attached sheets may be typed.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____ Phone (____) _____
(Street) (City/State) (Zip Code)

County _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Employer _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship To _____

Farm Bureau Membership # _____ In Whose Name _____

Vocational/Technical institution you plan to attend: _____

Program Choice: _____

***If applicable please fill out section below.*

GPA: _____

****GPA is based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth**

High School: _____ Date of Awards Night: _____

Counselor: _____ Phone : () _____

Counselor Signature: _____

YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

- Official high school or GED transcript. (**if recent graduate within the last 5 years*)
- Transcript for any college work attempted. (**if recent graduate within the last 5 years*)
- Letter of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity, from an employer, school official, teacher, or counselor.
- Short Answer Section (see description under short answer section).

WORK EXPERIENCE

<i>Describe jobs you hold or have held during high school. (Include responsibilities to family farm or business.)</i>	<i>What are/were your hours per week and for the school year?</i>	<i>Dates of Employment From: To:</i>

SCHOOL CLUBS AND OFFICES (For applicants currently in High School)

<i>List school clubs, offices, organizations, etc. in which you have participated.</i>	<i>Check the years you have participated.</i>				<i>Indicate the offices or leadership positions held.</i>
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OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<i>List principal community groups, social groups or other extra-curricular activities in which you have participated.</i>	<i>Describe the amount of time you have participated in each.</i>	<i>Indicate the offices or leadership positions held.</i>

Note: One additional sheet may be attached highlighting work experience, school clubs and offices or other extra-curricular activities.

Did you participate in the Kentucky Farm Bureau IFAL (Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders) Program? Yes No

Have you participated in the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth or Variety Contests? Yes No

SHORT ANSWER SECTION

Please provide answers to this section on a separate piece of paper; answering the following questions in detail:

- Your choice of vocational/ technical school and why you wish to attend the vocational/technical institution of your choice.
- Convey your ambitions and career goals.
- Describe any past, present or future agricultural interest or background.
- Indicate how your course of study will relate to agriculture.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD RECIPIENT

- Maintain contact with the Scholarship Committee and provide an official, updated transcript at the end of each semester.
- Once transcripts have been received and approved, scholarship checks will be released.
- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 each semester with no semester falling below a 2.0 GPA or they forfeit the award.
- Attend at least two Fayette County Farm Bureau events per year.
- Notify the Fayette County Farm Bureau office of graduation date plans.
- Provide Fayette County Farm Bureau office with a 5x7 photo to use for promotional purposes.
- Dropping out of school, except for serious illness or injury, shall cause the recipient to lose the scholarship. The remaining award will then go to the first alternate.
- Winner must be a full-time student each semester unless an exception is requested in writing and approved.
- Recipient must demonstrate normal progress toward a 2-year degree/certificate of completion (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) from an accredited institution.

ABOUT THE FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Monies for the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. Scholarship have been raised through the leadership of the Fayette County Farm Bureau directors. Past and present directors and other volunteers conduct a Farm Machinery Consignment Auction each year with all proceeds going towards the scholarship program. To date the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. has awarded over \$650,000 in scholarship monies. The Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. administers this \$2,500 scholarship and will annually select one new, qualified recipient.

Please note the following...

The scholarship winner will be listed in the Fayette County Farm Bureau annual newsletter and possibly other media. The recipient will also be presented to the full Board during a monthly Board meeting.