

The Oregon Farm Bureau, *COUNTRY Insured*, Associate Member Scholarship, funded by
COUNTRY Financial

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES

Scholarship Eligibility:

Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship Project through the Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education offers this \$1000 scholarship to:

- New full time (**12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent**) students (graduating High school seniors that will graduate from Oregon High school)
- Current full time (**12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent**) college students with a Oregon high school diploma
- Oregon Home School graduate with a full year, 24 semester or 36 quarter hours, of completed college coursework documented by a transcript & proof of parent's Oregon residency (to consist of three consecutive land-based utility (power, sewer, water, or landline phone) bills within the last 6 months.) **You only need to supply the proof of residency if you are an Oregon home school graduate applicant.**
- Students must be preparing to continue his/her education through a community college, or a four-year college or university with intent to seek a bachelor's degree.
- **Associate membership must** be current and at least 6 months old. Student or students' parents **must** insured by COUNTRY Financial.

Recipients may reapply for the scholarship for up to three years after initial award; however a **new current year** application must be completed each year. Scholarship awards are awarded for a standard school year, and cannot be carried over into another school year, including summer term.

This scholarship is funded by COUNTRY Financial. The goal of this scholarship is to “*Help future community and business leaders obtain a baccalaureate education with the aim of strengthening understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect among rural, urban, and suburban Oregonians.*”

**Employees of Oregon Farm Bureau or COUNTRY Financial and their immediate families are not eligible for this scholarship.*

APPLICANTS WHO ARE PART OF FARMING FAMILIES and have more than \$2500 in gross farm or ranch income (VOTING MEMBERS OF OFBF), ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OR RECIEVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP. If you are part of a farming family (voting member), and plan to major in a field of agriculture, you should apply for an OFB Memorial Scholarship.

Instructions:

1. Application Deadline is March 15.

• The attached application must be completed in full and postmarked on or before March 15 to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. All applications materials (letters of recommendation, transcripts, and essay must be submitted in one envelope with completed application. **Applications postmarked or brought into the office after March 15 will not be considered. Please do not submit your application in report covers, sheet protectors, or staple it in any way.**

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- If applications are delivered in person, applicant must request a “received and dated” statement by the staff individual accepting the application. This may be achieved by having the individual receiving the application sign their name and dating the application cover sheet in pen. ***Applications without a postmark or “dated acceptance signature” are considered ineligible.***

- Acceptance in person and via mail does not guarantee eligibility. Applicant is responsible for completing application in full and seeing that all requested materials (letters of recommendation, transcripts, and essay are ***submitted in one envelope*** by the ***Application Deadline of March 15.***

- All Application Forms will have a current date reflecting the academic year for which the application applies. This date can be located in the lower left-hand corner of each Application Form. ***Applicants must use a current Application Form for his/her application to be considered.***

- If applicant wishes to use additional paper to complete the application, that is acceptable as long as the question being answered is clearly identified and the same scholarship format is utilized. The name of the applicant must also be added in the upper right-hand corner.

2. Transcripts

- Transcript of the applicant’s ***high school years and all college transcripts to date*** must accompany the application. Only “***official***” or ***copies*** of “official” transcripts will be accepted, no online ***unofficial*** will be accepted. In other words, grade reports for your high school years and any college coursework regardless of year in school now must be provided for the selection committee to review. This may include a combination of schools, high school, community college, and/or 4-year College. To be considered for a scholarship award, applicants must have graduated from a public or accredited private Oregon High School or be an Oregon home school graduate with a full year of college transcripts, 24 semester or 36 quarter hours, documented by a transcript and provide proof of parents Oregon residency (to consist of three consecutive land-based utility (power, sewer, water, or landline phone) bills within the last 6 months.) ***You only need to supply the proof of residency if you are an Oregon home school applicant. All transcripts must be submitted with your application and other materials in one envelope by the deadline, March 15.***

3. Letters of Recommendation

- Two letters of recommendation are requested as well as the names of the individuals you have asked to send these letters. One of the two letters must be from a school teacher or official, and the other from a non-family, non-school person. ***Letters of recommendation must be submitted with your application and other materials in one envelope by the deadline March 15, and can be sealed if author desires.***

4. Signature and Authorization

- Your signature is an essential part of the application. Please read carefully the information in item #18 prior to signing. ***Applications without signatures are considered ineligible.***

5. Thank you and Good Luck

We want to thank you for your interest in education. Good luck as you work toward your goals.

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