

2026 Elkhart County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for a student to further their education. The scholarship(s) is awarded based upon various criteria that reflect the values and purposes of Elkhart County Farm Bureau to “promote agriculture through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agriculture and rural needs.” Please provide sufficient details and information about your qualifications to give the judges a clear picture of your future plans.

Application Process: An application form must be completed by the student applying for assistance. The printed application must include required signatures and be submitted to the Farm Bureau Insurance office at 322 S Elkhart Ave Suite 200, Elkhart, Indiana by 4:30 p.m. ET February 27th. Forms should be typed. The forms may also be downloaded, completed, and submitted digitally to valeta.yoder@infarmbureau.com by 4:30 p.m. EST February 27th.

Award Amount: Elkhart County Farm Bureau will award up to 5 scholarships of \$750 to students.

Qualifications: Applicants should be the child of parents/guardians who have been Elkhart County Farm Bureau members for at least three (3) years. The applicant should have a cumulative grade average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or equivalent GPA. They should be accepted or have applied to an accredited school of higher learning (college/career/tech/vocational/ 2 yr./ 4 yr.) in Indiana.

Deadline: All applications are due to the office by **4:30 p.m.** ET February 27th. Winners will be announced prior to the end of the school year.

Follow Up: Scholarship awards are not renewable. Winners will receive funds upon completion of one term of study. Proof of satisfactory completion of at least one term must be provided and proof of re-enrollment.

Students may also be eligible for other district or state Farm Bureau Scholarships, due online by March 1st. Apply directly online at <https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships>

Elkhart County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application

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For internal office use only:

Applicant number assigned by County Farm Bureau Scholarship Coordinator: _____

Applicant's Contact Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: Indiana Zip code: _____

Educational Institution

Current school attending: (ex. High school, college, etc.) _____
City: _____ Date of high school senior awards night: _____
Name of academic advisor / school counselor: _____
Advisor / counselor email address: _____
Advisor / counselor phone number: _____ School hours: _____

Farm Bureau Membership

Membership number of qualifying parent or legal guardian of applicant: _____
Name of membership holder: _____
Applicant's relationship to member: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Signature of applicant: _____

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Academic Experience

Intended post-secondary education institution: _____

Current GPA: _____ out of _____ Class rank (if applicable) _____ out of _____

Intended course of study: _____

What degree level are you seeking? (ex: associate, bachelors) _____

Employment Experience: (limit 150 words each, up to 3 different employment experiences)

1. Include name of employer(s), title (if applicable), length of service, average hours worked per week, brief description of duties

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Awards & Honors (limit 10 most significant received. Do not include awards received prior to high school)

Name of Award

Awarding Organization

Year Received

Please describe your personal background, your goals, why you are seeking this award and what obstacles you have had to overcome. (limit 350 words).

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Please describe your desired career path and provide two reasons why you chose this career. (Limit 350 words)

Agricultural-based extracurricular and leadership experience (limit 10)

Include 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau membership and office positions, not awards.

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Community or school-based extracurricular and leadership experience (limit 10)

Include: Church, school clubs (not FFA), Scouts, sports, etc.

Essays -

The mission of Indiana Farm Bureau is to promote agriculture through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agricultural and rural needs. What is one of the most important issues facing the future of farming and agriculture and how do you believe it will affect the industry? (Limit 500 words)

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How might your area of study or future career contribute to agriculture and rural needs? (Limit 250 words)

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