

South Dakota Farm Bureau 2026 Scholarship Application

South Dakota Farm Bureau is dedicated to agriculture in our state. This scholarship is to celebrate youth that have a passion for agriculture and their rural communities. We want to award scholarships to youth who are planning on returning to rural communities to work. Applicants can choose to be considered for an agriculture-focus or community-focus scholarship, depending on their major and/or experience with agriculture.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Applicants, the applicant's parents, or guardians must be a current member of South Dakota Farm Bureau and must have been a member for 2 years.
2. Scholarship applicants are not allowed to receive this scholarship award more than once.
3. Must be accepted by an accredited school of higher learning and planning to study a minimum of one year as a full-time student.
4. Must be 17 years of age or older, a high school graduate or a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. If you are still in high school, you must have an expected graduation date of Spring 2026.
5. Applications from high school seniors must include a copy of most recent ACT or Accuplacer score. All applicants must include current transcript with grade point average.
6. Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.
7. Scholarship is applied toward tuition fees only and will be awarded after the first semester.

The following information will be considered in selecting scholarship recipients:

- Work experience, leadership abilities and involvement in activities.
- Response to essay questions.
- Academic performance, honors, and ACT score or Accuplacer score.
- Two current letters of recommendation (one academic & one personal) with the author's contact information (phone and email), that demonstrate the student's moral character and potential for successful completion of a course of study. **Letters must be dated, signed and emailed directly from the author to heather@sdfbf.org by March 1, 2026.**

Please include with your application (required):

1. **Official** high school transcript and ACT scores or Accuplacer scores, or current official college transcript.
2. Current resume highlighting work experience, involvement in school and community activities and leadership roles (example at www.sdfbf.org).
3. Completed answers to three scholarship essay questions (below).
4. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the qualified school you are planning to attend. College students, please include a letter from qualifying school confirming your enrollment.

In addition – please ensure that the authors of your Letters of Recommendation know to email their signed and dated letters to heather@sdfbf.org.

2026 Scholarship Application - Application Deadline: March 1, 2026



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I would like to be considered for the:

_____ Agriculture Focus Scholarship, my major will be: _____
or
_____ Community Focus Scholarship, my major will be _____

All fields are required.

Date _____ **County of Farm Bureau Membership** _____

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Date of Birth _____ **Personal Email Address** _____
(not a K12 email address)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

SDFB Membership Number _____

High School & Expected Graduation Date _____

College/Post-Secondary Institution (currently attending or planning to attend)

Selected Course of Study _____

Please answer the following three questions (attach up to two extra pages if needed):

1. Agriculture impacts all areas of our daily lives. How will your chosen career path affect rural America?
2. South Dakota Farm Bureau's mission is *Your Trusted Leader in Agriculture*. How has South Dakota Farm Bureau impacted you or your family's lives?
3. Highlight any work, leadership or activities that you share on your resume.

South Dakota Farm Bureau 2026 Scholarship Recipient Agreement

Should you receive this scholarship, the money will be paid to the school you are attending at the end of the first semester, provided the following requirements are met:

I agree that if I receive this scholarship, I must:

1. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
2. Complete at least 30 credit hours per academic year, unless the Scholarship Fund Committee grants special written permission.
3. **Official** transcripts or link to transcripts may be sent to jackie@sdfbf.org following the completion of the fall semester.
4. Inform SDFB of the school I will be attending.
5. Inform SDFB if I transfer to another school.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

***REMINDER: Please double check that all requirements of the scholarship application are completed. If any requirements are missing, the application will be automatically disqualified.**

Please mail your completed application to:

South Dakota Farm Bureau
PO Box 1426
Huron, SD 57350

Applications & supporting materials must be received
at the SDFB office no later than March 1, 2026.