

# Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship



## IMPORTANT

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU® OFFICE PRIOR TO JUNE 1 EACH YEAR

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Six scholarships will be awarded through the Mississippi Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation:
  - A. Four Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each for those attending any state university or community college.
  - B. Hugh Arant Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for a student attending Mississippi State University.
  - C. Don Waller Honorarium Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for a student attending any state university or community college.
2. Payment of these scholarships will be made in two equal installments during the two semesters of the 2011 – 2012 school year.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student's name upon notification of student's enrollment in an agricultural course of study.
4. To be eligible to receive the second payment, the student must again be enrolled in an agricultural course of study and must have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the university or community college documenting these two requirements is required.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be placed in the Young Farmer Scholarship Fund. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll or does not enroll in an agricultural course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen in the initial selection process.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. He and/or she must be a Mississippi Farm Bureau member or a member of a Mississippi Farm Bureau family.
2. He and/or she must enroll in an agricultural area of study or already be enrolled in an agricultural course of study at a Mississippi university or community college.
3. He and/or she must submit a fully completed application and supporting material by the established deadline.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipient using the following criteria:

Scholarship Performance	20%
School and Community Activities	10%
Leadership Qualities	10%
Letters of Recommendation	10%
Essays	10%
Financial Need	40%

The following information and materials should be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A transcript or official letter containing high school and college grades, including your ACT score.
2. A list of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
3. Two letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official and a local citizen from your county.
4. A list of church and community activities.
5. Two essays:
  - A. 300 words or less on the topic: "Why I am considering a Career in Agriculture."
  - B. 200 words or less on the topic: "Why I Need a Scholarship."  
(Be sure to include any factors relating to financial need such as family income, size of family, health of family, etc.)

Application and supporting materials should be mailed to:

*Andy Whittington, Interim Coordinator  
Young Farmers & Ranchers Program  
P. O. Box 1972  
Jackson, MS 39215-1972*

