

January 17, 2024



ASHTABULA COUNTY

*Working together with
Ohio farmers to advance
agriculture and strengthen
our communities.*

To: Area High School Guidance/Career Counselors

Re: Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 Ashtabula County Farm Bureau scholarship application is now available. The amount is determined by the number of acceptable qualifying applications.

No handwritten forms will be accepted. Applications must be submitted online at <https://form.io/form.com/aorahood/2024AshtabulaFBScholarship> or <https://bit.ly/2024ACScholarship>

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2024

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A resident of Ashtabula County
- Applicants or applicant's parents/guardians must be paid Ashtabula County Farm Bureau members both at the time of application and at time of payout.
- The student must be a full-time enrollee in a two or four-year college, university, or technical school, working toward an undergraduate degree.
- Applicant must show a 3.0-grade point average
- A major in agriculture or a support field is preferred but not required.
- The applicant can only receive an Ashtabula County Farm Bureau scholarship two times.

For questions you may contact us at 440.426.2195 or email ashtabula@offb.org. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy S. Orahood".

Mandy Orahood
Organization Director
Ashtabula County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Enclosed: 2024 Ashtabula County Scholarship Information

2024 ASHTABULA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

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PURPOSE To provide scholarships for any undergrad students attending a full-time college, university, or technical school. Scholarship funds are to be used directly for tuition, fees, lab fees, and books.

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The recipients will be announced in the spring and acknowledged at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting in September. Recipients and/or a representative MUST attend the county Annual Meeting in order to receive their award.

The award will be given following completion of one quarter/semester of school and grades have been submitted to the Farm Bureau office.

Any scholarship money that is not claimed after one (1) year will be forfeited.

The membership of the applicant/applicant's parents/guardians MUST be in good standing at the time of application and payout of scholarship monies.

DUE DATE **11:59 PM on March 31, 2024**

SELECTION A committee shall be chosen by the Ashtabula County Farm Bureau board of trustees. The decision of the judges shall be final. Decisions will be based on a scoring system with a higher emphasis on applicants with agricultural involvement, Farm Bureau involvement, and membership history.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants must meet the following criteria:

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SCORING SYSTEM Scholarships are awarded based on scores received from the scholarship committee. Applications are made anonymous and scored using uniform scholarship criteria.

APPLICATION

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IMPORTANT: This form is estimated to take at least one hour. In order to complete the form as quickly as possible, you WILL need ALL of the items below.

Proof of Enrollment (First-Year Students Only)

- attach proof of enrollment or letter of admission

Transcripts

- Copy(ies) of your most recent high school and/or college/technical school transcripts

Essays

- **Essay #1:** In what ways has agriculture shaped your life, and how do you envision its continued influence on your future endeavors? Share specific experiences or insights that highlight the profound effect agriculture has had on your personal and academic journey, and discuss how you plan to contribute to the agricultural landscape as you pursue your education and career goals. Please answer in 250-500 words.
- **Essay #2:** How has the integration of technology into agriculture transformed the agricultural industry? Discuss specific examples of technological advancements and their impact on agricultural practices. Additionally, analyze the broader implications of technology in agriculture and outline potential future developments. Consider how these innovations may shape the industry. Please answer in 250-500 words.

Photo

- Please upload a recent headshot/photo. Photos will be used to publicize award winners.

Please note, there is no autosave feature. We highly recommend that you type your essays in another program before beginning this form and then, copy and paste into the essay sections of this application.