



The IAA Foundation endeavors to enhance the future of agriculture by providing college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer scholarships on behalf of agricultural partners and families who wish to support future generations and help assure a well-qualified and professional agricultural workforce in Illinois while supporting farming communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the IAA Foundation offers 76 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one, but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review online.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online application link and guidelines are found on the [IAA Foundation website](#), along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a *FAQ* section. For additional information please contact the IAA Foundation office at 309.557.2230 or email jdenny@ilfb.org.

The application period runs from December 1, 2017 to February 1, 2018. **Completed applications must be electronically submitted on or before February 1, 2018.**

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants may have been the recipient of a previous IAA Foundation scholarship. All applicants must meet the following general criteria to be considered for an IAA Foundation Scholarship. **Please see each scholarship for specific requirements, limitations, and guidelines.**

1. Must be a high school graduate or graduating in 2018
2. Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, spouse of member, or member's child (except for Prairie Farms, Illinois Soybean Association, and St. Louis District Dairy Council scholarships, and Twin Creek Family Farm Scholarship)
3. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school majoring in agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related field (except for Ratermann, Prairie Farms, St. Louis District Dairy Council scholarships, Herman & Cecilia Wiedle Scholarship Fund)
4. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study
5. Must be a resident of Illinois (except for Prairie Farms and St. Louis Dist. Dairy Council Scholarships)
6. May not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter in-law of an IAA Foundation trustee, employee, or current member of the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following is considered in selecting recipients:

1. Academic Performance (30%)
2. Activities and Leadership (30%) (ISA-15%)
3. Financial need and evidence of self-help (10%) (ISA-5%)
4. Strength of Personal Statement (20%) (ISA-statement and interview-40%)
5. Strength of References/Endorsements (10%)
6. Exceptional Circumstances (up to +10%)
7. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and agribusiness reflects in higher scoring (Exceptions include the Ratermann scholarship, Gourley, Southwell, and Capps Memorial scholarship (Prairie Farms Dairy), and the St. Louis District Dairy Council scholarship.

TERMS

All scholarship funds are sent to the designated institution prior to the beginning of the academic year. Funds are applied by the institution to fund tuition, room and board and books. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waivers.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP LINEUP

Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship (One \$7,500 scholarship awarded)

Funded through donations from current and former IFB leaders

- Must attend a four-year university in the state of Illinois with an active agriculture college or department
(University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or Illinois State University)
- For matriculating college juniors (students beginning their junior year-60 credit hours) or transfer students beginning their junior year who are accepted at one of the universities as a junior)
- Major in a field related to direct support of the agricultural industry
- Proven leadership experience in high school and college years with an emphasis on college activity
- Achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Priority given to an individual who is actively engaged in Illinois Farm Bureau activities
- ***Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: My vision for the future of agriculture and how I plan to contribute through the qualities & experiences in leadership I possess.***

IAA Foundation General Scholarship (A total of six scholarships awarded)

Three \$5,000 IAA Foundation Top Scholars awarded:

- Major must be in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field
- Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college **in the state of Illinois**

One \$1,100 scholarship in the name of Robert Rouse

Two \$1,000 scholarships in the name(s) of Fletcher A. Gourley and Leonard Southwell

- Major must be in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field at any accredited post-secondary institution with an active agriculture college or department

Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarship (Four \$1,300 scholarships, Five \$1,000 scholarships)

- Must be a current and active member of Collegiate Farm Bureau. Activities should be reflected through the application
- One \$1,300 scholarship awarded to a student from each University Chapter: Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois, and Western Illinois University
- Five \$1,000 scholarships available to any eligible CFB member at an Illinois Community College

Fletcher A. Gourley, Leonard Southwell & Roger Capps Memorial Scholarship

(Six \$2,000 scholarships awarded to children of current patrons, and six \$2,000 scholarships awarded to children of current employees)

Established by Prairie Farms Dairy in memory of Mr. Gourley, Mr. Southwell, and Mr. Capps' many years of leadership.

- Open to any major, qualified applicants are children of Prairie Farms Dairy patrons as well as children of employees of Prairie Farms Dairy and its subsidiaries (but not joint ventures). A minimum of three years as a patron or employee is also required. The three-year minimum is determined as of the application deadline date (February 1, 2018).

Dale E. Butz Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Established to honor Dale E. Butz's distinguished career by developing agricultural leaders.

- Must be a post-secondary student with a background in production agriculture who is majoring in agriculture, agribusiness, or an agriculture related field

William J. Kuhfuss Memorial Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Established to honor Mr. Kuhfuss for his many years of leadership in agriculture.

- Must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois; Must be a U.S. citizen
- Preference given to students from an agricultural background or working toward an occupation in or related to the field of agriculture

Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Program Scholarship (Five \$4,000 scholarships awarded, Five \$4,000 Year-Two Recipients)

Established to promote and enhance the soybean industry in Illinois.

- Applicants must exhibit potential for successful completion of a chosen course of study, and follow a career path that will lead to graduate school and a career in soybean research.
- Applicants must be matriculating college juniors (students beginning their junior year-60 credit hours) or transfer students beginning their junior year who are enrolling at one of the universities as a junior).
- Applicants must attend the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or Illinois State University.
- Applicant is required to major in crop science with a goal of attending graduate school in a crop science discipline (agronomy, breeding, biotechnology, crop management, plant pathology, weed management) with an emphasis on soybeans.
- Applicant is encouraged to find on-campus employment and a summer internship in soybean research.
- Final candidates will be required to participate in an interview session.
- Awardees are eligible for a two-year scholarship with renewal the second year upon successful reapplication and meeting the renewal requirements.
- Spouses, children, siblings, grandchildren, and son- or daughters-in-law of the ISA Board of Directors are not eligible.
- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement for consideration.
- **Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: The importance of your major in today's society and why you chose this field of study.**

Greg Carney Scholarship (One \$1,500 scholarship awarded)

Established to honor the memory of Greg Carney, a Farm Bureau employee and University of Illinois graduate.

- Open to University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) students majoring in agriculture
- Must be actively involved in production agriculture in a family farm operation
- Must be a current or former active 4-H member

Dorothy and Wilhemine Ratermann Scholarship (18 – \$1,100 scholarships awarded)

The Ratermann sisters left a legacy to support education through scholarships funded by Trusts.

- Open to any major, recipients must be a son or daughter of an Illinois Farm Bureau member, and a resident of an Illinois county south of, and including, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, and Clark.

Robert F. Rouse Scholarship (One \$1,100 scholarships awarded)

Established in memory of Robert F. Rouse, who was closely associated with Illinois Farm Bureau in Lake County.

- Preference given to Lake County, IL residents, but open to any student in Illinois
- Must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois; Must be a U.S. citizen
- Major must be in agriculture, agriculture related fields, or nursing

Dr. E. Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Established to honor the life of Ray Searby, who was a community college president and later a beef and grain farmer, with a lifetime of interest in farming and education.

- Open to any student attending (full or part time) an Illinois Community College
- Major must be in agriculture, agriculture related fields, education, business or engineering
- Minimum 2.5 GPA is required

Heartland NAMA Steven A. Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship (Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Established by the Heartland Chapter as a memorial in honor of Steven A. Hammerschmidt, a long time agri-marketing professional with GROWMARK and a Heartland Chapter leader.

- For junior or senior level college student majoring in an agriculture related field of study
- One scholarship awarded to an Illinois State University student and one scholarship awarded to a University of Illinois student; Must be a U.S. citizen
- **Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: Why I want a career in agriculture.**

Cashford Farm Youth Scholarship (Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Established through a bequest by Pearl H. Cashford, a longtime resident of Douglas County who was engaged in business in downtown Tuscola for many years.

- For sophomore and above level college student majoring in agriculture or agribusiness interested in a career in agriculture marketing, agriculture sales, or agriculture communications
- Applicant must be, or become, a member, or son/daughter of a member of the Douglas County Farm Bureau with voting, or M member status.

Dwain Ford Memorial Soybean Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Established in memory of this long-time leader of the soybean industry.

- For students studying in a field related to agriculture
- Must show current or former active involvement in 4-H and FFA
- **Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: How are soybeans grown in Illinois having a global impact?**

St. Louis District Dairy Council Scholarship (Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Established to support dairy producer members through student scholarships.

- Open to any major, qualified applicants are producers whose check off funding is directed to the St. Louis District Dairy Council. Producer's children and spouse are also eligible
- Student must be enrolled for full time or part time study in an accredited community college, college or university in any degree program
- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement for this scholarship
- Spouses, children, siblings, grandchildren, and sons-or daughters-in-law of employees of St. Louis Dairy Council are not eligible
- **Additional essay required: In 250 words, please explain: How dairy farming has impacted my personal skills and character.**

Twin Creek Family Farm Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

A Family established scholarships to support youth in their home community who are interested in agriculture.

- Open to Edgar County residents, student must be entering his/her Freshman year of college
- Major must be in agriculture or related field
- Illinois Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement for this scholarship

Vincent O Greene Memorial Scholarship (Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Mr. Greene left a legacy to support students pursuing careers in agriculture who demonstrate qualities of leadership, citizenship and commitment to agriculture.

- Major must be in agriculture or related field

Jean Stubblefield Memorial Scholarships (One \$1,500 Scholarship and One \$3,000 scholarship awarded)

Jean's lasting legacy of a farm gift supports students pursuing careers where they can help care for animals.

- Open to undergraduates with majors related to Animal Science or Pre-Veterinary Medicine (\$1,500)
- Open to Post-Graduate students entering Veterinary Medicine (\$3,000)

Herman E Wiedle and Cecilia E Wiedle Scholarship Fund (Three \$2,000 Scholarships)

With a gift of farmland, the Wiedle's support students in their home community through this scholarship fund.

- Open to Clinton County students

Sign up to complete the application process online at www.iaafoundation.org

Applications must be submitted on or before February 1st, no exceptions.

Direct questions to Jessie Denny, IAA Foundation Program Manager (309) 557-2230 or jdenny@ilfb.org