

WARREN-HENDERSON FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION RENEWAL APPLICATION SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation is currently accepting renewal applications for scholarships from Warren and Henderson County residents who have previously been awarded one of their scholarships and are majoring in agriculture or agri-business. These scholarships are to be used for tuition and/or books and the funds will be sent directly to the college that the student will be attending in the fall.

Applicants will be considered for the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation Scholarship as well as the Leo & Carol Mahoney Memorial Scholarship, the Duane Jensen Memorial Scholarship, the Lloyd & Pauline Winbigler Memorial Scholarship, and the Tom & Marjorie Long Memorial Scholarship. There are not separate applications for the memorial scholarships; recipients will be chosen from the applications submitted for the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships.

To be eligible for review by the Foundation board, a COMPLETE application must be submitted by the Feb. 28, 2026 deadline. A complete application includes the online application and required accompanying materials (grades and photo) as detailed below.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

All applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be considered.

- This is a renewal application. Therefore, applicant must have previously received a scholarship through the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation.
- The applicant will not be eligible if they have received the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation Scholarship or any of the Memorial Scholarships for (4) four or more years.
- Applicant must be a resident of Warren or Henderson county.
- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or community college that offers agricultural courses.
- Priority to applicants with major/minor studies in agriculture or agribusiness or who can demonstrate how their major/minor is going to impact the agriculture industry and/or rural life.
- Applicant must exhibit potential for successful completion of course study.
- Applicant must be a resident of Illinois.
- Applicant must provide a copy of their most recent semester courses & grades with this application.
- Applicant must provide a photo that can be used in our newsletter if selected as a recipient.

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

- Scholastics
- Academic performance and honors
- Demonstrated interest in agriculture and/or agribusiness
- Evidence of self-help (how the student is contributing financially to his/her education)

- Character and personality (This is evident through the activities listed, professional goals, etc.)
 - Maturity
 - Industriousness and motivation
 - Intellectual interest
 - Moral character
 - Demonstrated leadership

All information submitted and comments made by the applicant will be kept confidential.

Applications must be submitted or postmarked on or before the last day in February. If you are delivering your application to the Farm Bureau office in Monmouth, our office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

POLICY FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

All scholarship money will be sent directly to the college once we receive the items listed below. Payment will only be made to the college. One half of the money will be applied to the first semester and the remaining half will be applied to the second semester. We must receive proof of enrollment and a class schedule before the scholarship money can be disbursed. Additionally, recipients who have been selected to receive a memorial scholarship will be required to send a thank you note to the respective family.

Student ID # - We will need your Student ID Number in order to ensure the money gets applied to the proper account.

Proof of Enrollment - Proof of enrollment needs to be documentation that proves you are enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited college. Documentation must list the student's name, semester enrolled, status (full-time; ½ time, less than ½ time), and if possible the student's major and minor. Documentation must be on college letterhead, display the college seal or logo and contain a signature & phone number of a representative from the Admissions Office. *The most recent transcript from the attended college is preferred.*

Class Schedule - We must have a valid class schedule that lists the college, the student's name, the courses & number of hours, and if possible the student's major and minor. We must be able verify that it is your schedule and that it is for the upcoming semester.

NOTES: If the above required student information is not received by Aug. 15th, 2026 or communication is not received by staff of a reason for delayed information, applicant may be subject to forfeit his/her scholarship.

If upon receiving proof of enrollment, we discover that the applicant has changed their major and is not currently enrolled in agricultural studies or is not enrolled as a full-time student, the applicant will forfeit his/her scholarship.

Again, the deadline for all applications is the last day of February. If you have any questions, call the Farm Bureau® at 309-734-9401 or 309-924-1151 or email whfb@whfarmbureau.org.