

WARREN-HENDERSON FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION NEW APPLICATION SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarships from Warren and Henderson County residents. The purpose of the W-HFB Foundation scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to students entering or attending college who are majoring in Agriculture or Agribusiness. These scholarships are to be used for tuition and/or books and funds will be sent directly to the college that the student will be attending. The scholarship amount will be determined upon the Foundation Board's review of financials after the scholarship application deadline.

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, 2025 deadline. A complete application includes the online application and required accompanying materials (character reference, teacher reference, grades, and photo) as detailed below.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2025.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or graduating high school this year.
- Applicant must be an Illinois resident and must also live in **Warren or Henderson County**.
- Applicant must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or community college that offers agricultural courses.
- Applicant's major/minor studies must be in agriculture or agribusiness.
- Applicant must exhibit potential for successful completion of course study.
- Applicant must provide most recent grades and transcript.
- Applicant must have a character reference form (1) submitted in their behalf.
- Applicant must have a teacher reference form (1) submitted in their behalf.
- 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/grades
- Academic performance and honors
- Rank in class (High School)
- 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 references that are submitted)
 - Maturity
 - Industriousness and motivation
 - Intellectual interest
 - Moral character
 - Demonstrated leadership

Previous Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Foundation Scholarship winners (up to four years) are eligible to apply again but should use the renewal application form. All information and comments made by the applicant or the applicant's references 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 to 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, 2025** 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.