

# **Lexington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Award Program**

The Lexington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Award Program provides financial assistance to Lexington County students who are pursuing an agriculture or agricultural-related undergraduate degree. A total of three \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to college-bound students planning to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

# **Eligibility**

To be eligible to compete for a scholarship, the applicant

- must be a member of the Farm Bureau (member number required)
- must be a resident of Lexington County
- must be a properly enrolled student in a two- or four- year college, university, or technical school agriculture or agricultural-related undergraduate degree program
- must have maintained a 3.0 GPA in order to qualify for a scholarship (a transcript must accompany the application form)
- must not have received \$6000 or more cumulative in scholarships through the Lexington County Farm Bureau scholarship program

## **Application Process**

Students competing for the scholarships must provide all of following by the application deadline:

- An official Lexington County Farm Bureau Application Form.
  - Applications must be typed or completed online and printed.
  - The application form must contain the required high school and higher education information in addition to academic awards, school activities, community activities and work experience, career goals, past or present employment, honors and awards received in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, church, community projects, membership in honorary societies, other organizations, and any offices held, or any other information about the applicant that the judges may find valuable in the selection process.
  - The application form may be re-typed but must be submitted on the same number of pages as the original official form. All questions must be re-printed in their entirety if the form is re-typed. The font size must be a minimum of 12 points for all sections. Margins must be a minimum of one-half inch on all sides.
  - Application guidelines can be amended or added to by the Lexington County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Once submitted, all applications become the property of the Lexington County Farm Bureau.
- A copy of most recent high school transcript showing all grades, SAT scores, GPA and class rank
- A one-page essay answering the question, "Where do you want to be ten years from now and how do you plan to be able to impact agriculture?" (Limit to one page typed and double spaced).
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation. (Family member recommendations will not be accepted.)

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## Lexington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Guidelines

**Application Deadline:** The application deadline is **May 15**.

Applications may be obtained from the Lexington County Farm Bureau Office or the online fillable application may be downloaded and completed at the <a href="http://www.scfb.org/about-scfb/lexington-county-farm-bureau">http://www.scfb.org/about-scfb/lexington-county-farm-bureau</a>.

Mail or deliver the official scholarship application with Lexington County Farm Bureau member number and all other required documentation and references to:

Lexington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee 121 Park Road Lexington, SC 29072-2036

For more information, contact Evelyn Miller at 803-359-5541 or <u>EvelynMiller@scfbins.com</u>.

### Selection

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of character, demonstrated leadership ability, and dedication to agriculture or agricultural-related fields. The recipients will be selected by the Lexington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Lexington County Board of Directors. Only applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and provide all of the appropriate supplemental documents will be considered for a \$1500 scholarship. In all cases of selection, the decision of the Committee will be final.

### Award Process

The recipients will be announced at the Lexington County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting to be held in August.

The scholarship will be credited to the recipient's school of choice – half at the beginning of the fall semester and the remainder at the beginning of the spring semester.

Scholarship checks will be written jointly to the recipient and the college, university, or institution of higher learning in which the recipient is enrolled.

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