

## AIKEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Aiken County Farm Bureau membership is required of parent/guardian.

Amount of scholarship: \$2,000.00 annually.

The Scholarship is sponsored to provide assistance to students from Aiken County Farm Bureau farm families or farm oriented backgrounds, to pursue a higher education in agriculture or agricultural related majors. It is also desired that the scholarship funds will result in the encouragement of students to develop the knowledge and skills to assume positions of leadership in agriculture, civic affairs and public service.

This scholarship will be awarded to a rising college sophomore, junior, or senior pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or an agricultural related major at a two or four-year college maintaining a minimum GPR of 2.5.

The scholarship funds will be awarded \$1,000 first semester/\$1,000 second semester and will be made payable to the student and school.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, demonstrated leadership abilities, and dedication to agriculture or related fields. The recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Aiken County Farm Bureau in accordance with guidelines developed by the County's Board of Directors and approved by the Board. Applications must include photo and letter(s) of recommendation - **incomplete applications will not be considered.**

The current scholarship application judging guidelines are:

- Scholastic achievement – 35 points
- Agricultural activities, participation and offices held in school and agricultural organizations, and community activities – 25 points
- Students statement and focus on career in agriculture or agricultural related field – 30 points
- Letter(s) of recommendation, which should include character references – 10 points

**Application may be mailed to Aiken County Farm Bureau, PO Box 2097, Aiken, South Carolina 29802, emailed [pamelaanderson@scfbins.com](mailto:pamelaanderson@scfbins.com), or faxed 803-641-1906. Application for this scholarship must be made no later than April 30th prior to the beginning of the first semester of the following academic year.**

The application form will be sent by email on request. Applications must be typed. The application form may be re-typed, but shall be submitted on the same number of pages as the original forms. All questions must be re-printed in their entirety if the forms are re-typed. The font size must be a minimum of 10 points for all sections. Pages must have a minimum ½ inch margin on all sides.

All application forms once submitted are the property of Aiken County Farm Bureau.

**AIKEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP**

sponsored by:

**Aiken County Farm Bureau**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED.**

ATTACH  
PHOTOGRAPH

Farm Bureau Membership #

Membership in the name of:

Applicant's Name   
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address

Telephone Number

Age  Marital Status

Parents' Names & Addresses

Father

Mother

Parents' Occupation

Brothers & Sisters:	Age	Current status if still Dependent

**SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**High School Information:**

School Name & Address

Academic Rank in Class

School Activities

**Higher Education:**

School & Address

Major

Student ID#

Class status:

Rising Sophomore

Rising Junior

Rising Senior

Cumulative Grade Point Ratio

(2.5 minimum)

Previous semester GPA

Academic Awards received

Other financial aid or scholarships awarded

**AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPATION AND OFFICES HELD IN SCHOOL AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

School activities (Include any offices held)

Church

Work Experience

Farm or Agriculture related

Other

**LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION**

Attach at least one with a maximum of three (3) letters of reference from Faculty Advisor and others. Reference letters should include information on character, leadership abilities and dedication to agriculture. **(Application will be considered incomplete without reference letter.)**

**STUDENT'S STATEMENT AND FOCUS ON CAREER IN AGRICULTURE OR AGRICULTURAL RELATED FIELD**

**Essay Limit to 300 words:** Attach at least a one (1) page typed essay regarding your background, future plans and qualifications for this scholarship. The essay should indicate how your education would help you assume positions of leadership in agriculture, civic affairs and public service; **where do you want to be ten years from now; and how do you plan to impact agriculture.**

**Please type your name on the essay page.**

**Applicant's Statement Regarding Scholarship:**

I am a properly enrolled, full-time student at \_\_\_\_\_ in good standing (as defined by the Registrar's Office). If awarded this scholarship, I understand that I am required to maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree as defined by the Registrar as being the minimum requirements for maintaining this scholarship. I also realize that the terms of this scholarship require that Aiken County Farm Bureau be kept informed of my academic progress and I am responsible for providing a grade report showing a GPA of at least 2.5 for full-time attendance during the fall semester and verification of enrollment for the spring semester. My signature below comprises my release for transcripts of my academic record and/or grade reports to be forwarded to the appropriate donor on a periodic basis in the event I am chosen as recipient of said scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Applicant must initial each page of application.**