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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION:

The Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Scholarship will be awarded to two outstanding graduating high school seniors accepted by a post-secondary educational institution. Scholarships will be awarded based on leadership, community activities, GPA, educational and career plans. Preference will be given to those individuals who plan to pursue a career in or directly related to the agricultural industry. Scholarships will be awarded at \$500 per recipient.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The applicants must be a Hillsdale County High School senior and meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. A Regular or Associate Member* of Hillsdale County Farm Bureau
 - b. The child of a Regular or Associate Member
 - c. An active FFA or 4-H member
 - d. Applicants not meeting the above criteria may also be nominated by a Regular Hillsdale County Farm Bureau member. To nominate an applicant; a one-page letter of support for the applicant must be attached to the completed application. See details on page 2.
2. Applicant must be a full-time student (12 credit hours or equivalent) for the fall of 2026.
3. Applicants may use the scholarship for attending a college of their choice, including community and trade schools.

*Regular member is an agriculture affiliated member as defined by the county farm bureau by-laws and approved by the county farm bureau's board of directors. Associate members are defined as a non-agriculture affiliated member.

REQUISITES:

1. Completed application.
2. Copy of current high school transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendation from a non-family member. Letters should address your work ethic, leadership skills and community involvement.
4. Nomination letter of support (if applicable) Review this criteria
 - a. *On your application, if you answered "no" to question #1 under Qualifications, you must include a letter from a Regular Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Member. Please email hillsdalecounty@ctyfb.com if you are unclear about this request.*
5. Headshot photo (Accepted files: tiff, jpeg, png, etc).
 - o *Should you be selected for the scholarship, your photo will be used for announcement publications by Hillsdale County farm Bureau. By submitting your photo, you agree to allow Hillsdale County Farm Bureau use of your photo for the recipient announcements such as our news stories, newsletter, and annual meeting program.*

SELECTION:

1. The selection of recipient(s) will be made by a committee chosen by the Board of Directors of the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau.
2. The determination of the appropriate recipient(s) will be based upon:
 - Completion of all the requisites and application.
 - Submission of the requisites and application by March 19, 2026.
 - A review of the applicant's academic achievements, career goals, and character.
 - Finalists may be required to attend a personal interview.

DISBURSEMENT:

1. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2026, by phone and/or email.
2. Payment will be made payable to the recipient(s) of the scholarship by June 1, 2026.
3. Recipient(s) are encouraged, but not required, to attend the 2026 Hillsdale County Farm Bureau Annual meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 to be recognized.
4. Recipient(s) will receive a one-year paid membership for Hillsdale Co Farm Bureau.
Note: If recipient(s) have not yet reached age 18, a membership will be awarded at the time of their 18th birthday.



Hillsdale County Farm Bureau 2026 Scholarship

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Basic Information:

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-mail _____

High School Attended _____ Cumulative GPA _____

How many years have you resided in Hillsdale County? _____

Qualifications:

1. Do your parents have an active Farm Bureau Membership?

Yes Please enter your parent's names _____

No Please enter the name of the nominating farm bureau member

(Please reference page 2 under requisites for clarification)

2. How many years have you been involved in agriculture? _____

If applicable, please enter the name of the FFA Chapter or 4H Club

3. What post-secondary school(s) do you plan to attend? _____

4. What is your intended course of study? _____

Application Questions:

1. Why do you believe you should receive this scholarship? _____

Please be sure your completed packet includes:

- Completed application
- Nomination letter (if applicable, see qualifications)
- Copy of current transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Photo

All completed application packets must be received no later than March 19, 2026.

Please choose one of the options below to submit your scholarship application packet:

Email:

hillsdalecounty@ctyfb.com

US Mail/Drop-off:

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau
506 W Carleton Rd, Suite B
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Please watch your email for a confirmation that we have received your packet. Please allow sufficient time should you mail your application.