

Scholarship Application

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| Name: | First | Last | | |
| Address: | Street | City | State | Zip |
| Cell Phone: | | Email Address: | | |
| Farm Bureau Membership No: | | | | |
| <i>To apply students must be a member. If parents are members that membership can be used. To purchase a membership for \$50 contact us at GeneseeCounty@ctyfb.com.</i> | | | | |
| Name of College: | | | | |
| College Address: | Street | City | State | Zip |
| <i>Financial aid/cashier office address</i> | | | | |

Genesee County Farm Bureau awards two scholarships annually:

\$1,500 Thomas Jennings Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA for this scholarship.

\$1,000 Farm Bureau Scholarships

Applicants must have a 2.0 or higher GPA for this scholarship.

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| Current Grade Point Average: | |
| <i>Remember to attach a copy of your transcripts.</i> | |

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| Provide a brief description of your academic major: |
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| Applicant's Signature: | |
| Date: | |

1. Attach your responses to the two essay questions on the next page.
2. Attach a copy of your most current school transcripts reflecting your GPA.
3. Please return by mail to Genesee County Farm Bureau, PO Box 379, Swartz Creek MI 48473 or email it to GeneseeCounty@ctyfb.com. Scholarship awards are determined by a committee and will be announced in August. If selected to receive a scholarship funds are dispersed to the school in September.
4. **Scholarship Applications and essays must be received by April 1, 2026.**

Scholarship Essay Questions

Please submit essay responses for both topics below. Students are encouraged to write a well-developed, research-based essay. Although there is no maximum length stipulation, essay responses are a key component in the award determination after application and GPA requirements are met.

1. Growth in rural areas can strain rural energy infrastructure. How can Farm Bureau work with stakeholders to advocate for proactive planning at the local, state and national levels that safeguards affordable, reliable energy access for farmers and ranchers as well as their rural neighbors while protecting farmland from unnecessary eminent domain?
2. Increased public concern over healthy diets and chronic childhood disease has raised questions, as well as criticism, about modern agriculture and the food system. How can Farm Bureau effectively engage in this discussion and advocate for the critical science-based tools and research farmers need to fulfill their commitment to grow healthy, sustainable food, fiber and fuel?