

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation is to accept tax-deductible donations that will be used to carry out charitable, scientific, literary, and educational work in the field and related fields of agriculture. Grants, scholarships, or programs funded by the Foundation will directly benefit agriculture in Hamilton County.

## The Foundation's Beginning

Hamilton County has a long established history in the agricultural industry. We are leaders in many farming techniques and technologies designed to improve the efficiency of our operations. Our producers are always looking for new methods and ways to improve the quality of the lives of the people in our area.

The goal of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation is: "To assist in the development of agricultural leaders and to emphasize the importance of agriculture in the future."

The Foundation is a not for profit, tax-exempt corporation organized by the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

## The Goals & Objectives

- To provide scholarships for persons from Hamilton County who are pursuing continuing education degrees
- To challenge and educate our youth through educational classroom programs and other opportunities that reinforces agriculture education and builds upon their leadership qualities for the benefit of the agriculture industry.
- To provide educational materials and programs that help the future generations understand agriculture and how it affects their lives.
- To provide, support and encourage research and educational opportunities to improve crop and livestock production in Hamilton County.
- To support and/or conduct seminars for educational, scientific, and leadership purposes in agriculture.

## Who Controls the Foundation

The Foundation is the property of Hamilton County Farm Bureau members. The Foundation is administered by the Foundation Board of Directors, assisted by Farm Bureau staff. The five Foundation Directors are appointed by the Farm Bureau Board of Directors and consist of both farming members and agricultural business leaders.

## How to Contribute

Anyone can contribute to the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation. Individual and business donations will be used to fund worthwhile agricultural projects.

The Foundation accepts charitable contributions of money, property, and other types of assets. Special memorials and endowments can also be set up for ongoing programs in the memory of loved ones or businesses. This provides a special way for an ongoing project to fulfill needed and worthy programs.

## Who to Contact if you Have Questions

For additional information, or to make contributions, contact:

Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation  
1212 E. Randolph St \* P.O. Box 248  
McLeansboro, IL 62859  
Phone: (618) 643-2347  
Email: [jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org](mailto:jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org)

HAMILTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU® FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:

The attached application is for a Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. To assist you with completing the application, an electronic version is also available by contacting the Farm Bureau office at (618) 643-2347, or by email at [jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org](mailto:jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org). The scholarship amount will depend upon availability of funds and the number of applications received.

Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to win another scholarship unless:

- The Foundation doesn't receive any new applications
- Extra funds become available

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant MUST:

- Be a Hamilton County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a Hamilton County Farm Bureau member
- Be a high school senior or already attending a post-secondary school
- Be enrolled in fall classes at a post-secondary school studying agriculture or a related field (as determined by Farm Bureau Board)
- Exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study

The criteria for awarding the scholarships are as follows:

- Demonstrated Interest and Experience in Agriculture and Agribusiness
  - \* Interest and activities in agriculture and agribusiness
  - \* Other interests and activities
  - \* Encouraged to attend a monthly Young Leader Committee meeting
- Character and Personality
  - \* Demonstrated leadership
  - \* Teacher's recommendation
  - \* Moral character
- Scholastic Achievement
  - \* Academic performance and honors
  - \* Rank in class

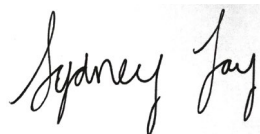
Applications must be received at the Hamilton County Farm Bureau office by **March 1, 2020**. Applications may be emailed to [jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org](mailto:jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org), or mailed or delivered to the Farm Bureau office.

Mail to:

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Thank you for your interest in the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. The winners will be selected by the end of May 2020.

Sincerely,



Sydney Lay, Manager  
Hamilton County Farm Bureau®

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**Part I: General Information**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (circle one): Male / Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
5. High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
or GED Certification: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Applicant's or Parent's Farm Bureau Membership Number: 033-\_\_\_\_\_
6. Father's name in full: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mother's name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: Activities**—*Can use separate sheet if needed*

1. List the student activities in which you have participated in high school. Indicate offices and positions of leadership you held, as well as any honors you received based on your participation.  
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2. List the community activities (not directly connected with high school) in which you have participated. Indicate offices and positions of leadership you have held, as well as any honors you have received based on your participation.  
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3. Describe any employment experiences you have had during school or during summer vacations.  
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**Part III: Interests**

1. Briefly summarize your experience or interest in agriculture/agribusiness.  
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2. What hobbies or special interest do you have?

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**Part IV: Academic Plans**

1. Name the college, university or vocational school you will attend.

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2. Briefly state what your major field of study in higher education will be.

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3. Describe how you think your course of study will benefit the field of agriculture.

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4. Why do you feel you should be awarded a Hamilton County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship?

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5. How do you plan to fund your college education?

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**Part V: Academic Information**

1. What is your high school GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ (Include official transcript)  
or GED Score \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your class rank? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

3. What high school academic awards have you received?

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**Teacher's Recommendation**

(To be completed by a teacher who has had the student in class)

1. Describe how you know the applicant.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe the applicant's academic performance and working habits.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe why you believe this applicant will succeed in his or her chosen course of study.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Upon completion, return to the applicant in a sealed envelope\*\**

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**Character Recommendation**

(To be completed by someone other than a family member or  
teacher who completed the Teacher's Recommendation)

1. Describe how you know the Applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe the character traits of the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you believe the applicant should be awarded a Hamilton County Farm Bureau  
Foundation Scholarship?

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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