

## 2023 ASHTABULA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

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<b>PURPOSE</b>	To provide scholarships for any undergrad students attending a full-time college, university, or technical school. Scholarship funds are to be used directly for tuition, fees, lab fees, and books.
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<p>The amount is determined by the number of acceptable qualifying applications. No handwritten forms will be accepted. Applications must be submitted online at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/aorahood/2023AshtabulaFBScholarship">https://form.jotform.com/aorahood/2023AshtabulaFBScholarship</a> or <a href="https://bit.ly/2023ACScholarship">https://bit.ly/2023ACScholarship</a></p> <p>The recipients will be announced in the spring and acknowledged at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting in September. Recipients and/or a representative MUST attend the county Annual Meeting in order to receive their award.</p> <p>The award will be given following completion of one quarter/semester of school and grades have been submitted to the Farm Bureau office.</p> <p>Any scholarship money that is not claimed after one (1) year will be forfeited.</p> <p>The membership of the applicant/applicant's parents/guardians MUST be in good standing at the time of application and payout of scholarship monies.</p>
<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>11:59 PM on March 10, 2023</b>
<b>SELECTION</b>	A committee shall be chosen by the Ashtabula County Farm Bureau board of trustees. The decision of the judges shall be final. Decisions will be based on a scoring system with a higher emphasis on applicants with agricultural involvement, Farm Bureau involvement, and membership history.
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p>Applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A resident of Ashtabula County</li><li>• Applicants or applicant's parents/guardians must be paid Ashtabula County Farm Bureau members both at the time of application and at time of payout.</li><li>• The student must be a full-time enrollee in a two or four-year college, university, or technical school, working toward an undergraduate degree.</li><li>• Applicant must show a 3.0-grade point average</li><li>• A major in agriculture or a support field is preferred but not required.</li><li>• The applicant can only receive an Ashtabula County Farm Bureau scholarship two times.</li></ul>
<b>SCORING SYSTEM</b>	Scholarships are awarded based on scores received from the scholarship committee. Applications are made anonymous and scored using uniform scholarship criteria.

## APPLICATION

Applications must be complete. For questions you may contact us at 440.426.2195 or email [ashtabula@ofbf.org](mailto:ashtabula@ofbf.org).

<https://form.iotform.com/aorahood/2023AshtabulaFBScholarship> or  
<https://bit.ly/2023ACScholarship>

**IMPORTANT:** This form is estimated to take at least one hour. In order to complete the form as quickly as possible, you **WILL** need **ALL** of the items below.

### Proof of Enrollment (First-Year Students Only)

- attach proof of enrollment or letter of admission

### Transcripts

- Copy(ies) of your most recent high school and/or college/technical school transcripts

### Essays

- **Essay #1:** As a grassroots organization, membership is vital to our organization not only financially but structurally. Each county Farm Bureau is comprised of Farm Bureau member volunteers who serve and make decisions on behalf of the county membership. Any Farm Bureau members classified as an active member (those who are involved in the agricultural industry) have a voice and vote on policies, board trustees, and the county Farm Bureau code. Often times, finding members to volunteer their time to Farm Bureau can be a struggle.

In what ways could you personally contribute (i.e time, efforts, etc) as a Farm Bureau member? What methods could be used to surface volunteers or to encourage members to become actively involved at the county level as a volunteer? Please answer in 250-500 words.

- **Essay #2:** Rural communities play an important role in agriculture and are the home for many American Farm Bureau members. This year rural communities have been faced with a variety of challenges. What is one issue your community is facing, and what suggestions do you propose to help solve this issue? Please answer in 250-500 words.

### Photo

- Please upload a recent headshot/photo. Photos will be used to publicize award winners.

**Please note, there is no autosave feature. We highly recommend that you type your essays in another program before beginning this form and then, copy and paste into the essay sections of this application.**