

2026 ASHTABULA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

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PURPOSE	To provide scholarships for undergraduate students attending a full-time college, university, or technical school. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, fees, lab fees, and books.
DUE DATE	11:59 PM on March 31, 2026
SCHOLARSHIP	<p>No handwritten forms will be accepted. Applications must be submitted online at https://ofbf.org/foundation/scholarships/ashtabula-county-scholarship/.</p> <p>Applications must be completed entirely by the applicant. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate responses or content is not permitted and may result in disqualification.</p>
AWARD	<p>Amount determined by the number of qualifying applications.</p> <p>Recipients will be announced in the spring and acknowledged at the County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in September. Recipients or a representative must attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award. Scholarship funds will be distributed after the recipient completes one quarter/semester and submits grades to the Farm Bureau office. Unclaimed funds after one year will be forfeited.</p> <p>Applicant and/or parent/guardian must have an active Ashtabula County Farm Bureau membership at the time of application and at payout.</p> <p>Ashtabula County Farm Bureau reserves the right to withhold funds if requirements are not met. Funds not claimed within one (1) year will be forfeited.</p>
ELIGIBILITY	<p>Applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a resident of Ashtabula County.• The applicant must be either a current Ashtabula County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a parent/guardian who is a current Ashtabula member at the time of application and at the time of scholarship payout.• Enrolled full-time in a two- or four-year college, university, or technical school pursuing an undergraduate degree.• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.• Major in agriculture or a support field is preferred but not required.• May receive the scholarship a maximum of two (2) times.
SELECTION	Applications are reviewed anonymously by an advisory committee appointed by the County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees. Evaluation is based on academics, community involvement, and essays, with emphasis on agricultural involvement and Farm Bureau participation. Committee decisions are final.
APPLICATION	For questions, you may contact us at 440.426.2195 or email ashtabula@ofbf.org .

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.

Farm Bureau Involvement History (Personal and Family)

High School Involvement and Achievements

College Involvement and Achievements (if applicable)

Proof of Enrollment

- Attach proof of enrollment: Can be enrollment verification letter, upcoming class schedule, acceptance letters, paid tuition receipt, student ID card, etc)

Transcripts

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

Photo

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

Essays

Applications must be completed entirely by the applicant. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate responses or content is not permitted and can result in disqualification.

Please answer each essay in 250-500 words.

- **Essay #1:** Discuss the present state of agriculture in Ashtabula County, highlighting both the opportunities for its future growth and the potential challenges it may encounter.
- **Essay #2:** It is estimated that by the year 2050, we will lose over 250 million acres of crop-producing land worldwide. Additionally, increasing inputs fuel, fertilizer, and equipment, will require the agriculture industry to be innovative and resourceful. How will your field of study contribute to the solutions necessary to keep agriculture productive and viable?

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.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applicant Information

Name *

- First Name
- Last Name

Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Cell Phone Number *

Email *

Date of Birth *

Farm Bureau Involvement

Are you or your parents/guardians Ashtabula County Farm Bureau members? *

- Yes
- No

Have you applied for an Ashtabula County Farm Bureau scholarship before? *

- Yes
- No

Have you ever received an Ashtabula County Farm Bureau scholarship? *

- Yes
- No

Are you involved with the county Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals (YAP) program? *

- Yes
- No

What types of events and seminars would you be interested in attending? *

This section is an important part of your application and will be considered in scoring. Please provide details of any involvement you or your family have had with Farm Bureau locally, statewide, and/or nationally. *

Family Information

Mother/Guardians Name

- First Name
- Last Name

Occupation

Address

Phone Number

Email

Father/Guardians Name

- First Name
- Last Name

Occupation

Address

Phone Number

Email

Siblings' Names, Birthdates, and School/College Attended

Academic Activities

College/Technical School Standing in Fall 2026*

- **Freshman** (1st year college/technical school)
- **Sophomore** (2nd year)
- **Junior** (3rd year)
- **Senior** (4th year)
- **5th Year/Other Undergraduate** (for those in extended programs)
- **Graduate Student** (if applicable for technical programs or advanced studies)

High School Information

High School Attended *

High School Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

HS Graduation Date *

Cumulative GPA (HS) *

High School Involvement(organizations, sports, clubs, special activities). Include any leadership positions held, roles, etc *

High School Achievements (honors, awards, recognition, etc.)*

College/Technical School Information

College/Technical School Name *

College/Technical School Address *

- Street Address
- City
- State
- Zip Code

Major*

Minor*

College / Technical School Involvement(organizations, sports, clubs, special activities). Include any leadership positions held, roles, etc *

College / Technical School Achievements (honors, awards, recognition, etc.)*

Community & Agricultural Involvement

Describe community involvement and volunteer activities *

Describe your area of interest in agriculture and ag-related activities. *

Describe your hobbies and special interests. *

Describe your work experiences (paid and unpaid - include where, job title, when, how long, duties, etc.) *

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Required Documentation

Upload proof of enrollment (enrollment verification letter, upcoming class schedule, acceptance letters, paid tuition receipt, student ID card, etc) * **PDF ONLY**

Upload most recent transcript (Name, school, date, and Cumulative GPA MUST show on transcript)* **PDF ONLY**

- High school
- College

Photo: Upload a recent headshot/photo to be used in publications.* **JPG or PNG only**