



2025 Scholarship Application Requirements

Only completed applications are considered for scholarships. Completed applications include:

1. **The three-page scholarship form**, completely filled out.
2. **A copy of your most current transcripts/grades** (either high school or college).
3. **Two letters of recommendation** (Letters should come from a mentor, advisor, teacher, coach or employer that is not a family member.)
4. **Confirmation of acceptance** to a college, university, technical college, short course (if currently in high school or not yet attending post-secondary school). This may be a copy of your acceptance letter or a copy of an email confirming your enrollment.
5. **Digital photo** (head and shoulders photo) for publicity purposes. Please email your digital photo to info@farmfirstcoop.com if submitting your application as a printed copy.

Eligibility

1. ***Applicant must be a son or daughter of a FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative member.*** Extended family members will not be eligible for this scholarship.
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted into an accredited college, university, technical college or short course. High school students must include a copy of their acceptance letter, and students currently enrolled in college must submit their most recent semester grades.
3. Applicants will be selected on leadership, scholastic achievement (GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale), extracurricular activities and essay responses.
4. Applicants may only receive this scholarship once.

An independent committee selected by the FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Board of Directors will make the final decision on scholarships to be awarded.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by March 31, 2025.

Completed applications may be submitted via:

Online: www.FarmFirstDairyCooperative.com
Select Scholarships from 'Member Services' from the top menu.
Click on the online form to fill out the application.

Mail: FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
c/o Scholarships
P.O. Box 14380
Madison, WI 53708-0380

E-mail: info@farmfirstcoop.com

Fax: 608-244-3643



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail (personal preferred, not high school email): _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____

Email of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____

Plant Name Parents Ship To: _____ Patron No. _____

County of Residence: _____

Home Town Newspaper – Name & Address _____
(For Publicity Purposes) _____

Newspaper Website: _____

Newspaper Email: _____

SELECT ONE:

☐ **Yes, I am currently attending High School.**

High School Attending _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

High School GPA: _____

Name of Post-Secondary School Attending: _____

Major: _____

☐ **Yes, I am currently attending Post-Secondary School.**

Name of University, College, Tech School _____

Major: _____ # of Semesters Completed: _____

Minor: _____

GPA: _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduated On: _____

High School GPA: _____

PLEASE ANSWER/COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: (You may use a separate piece of paper.)

Involvement in Membership Organizations (including Breed Associations, etc...)

[illegible]

Summarize work experience (on and off the farm – include duties performed): _____

[illegible]

Note honors and awards received (4-H, FFA, Scholastic, Athletic, Community, etc): _____

[illegible]

List other activities in school or the community in which you participated in: _____

[illegible]

ESSAY Please limit your response to 500 words or less. Please use a separate page for submitting your essay responses. **Be sure to answer *each* part of the question.**

QUESTION: There are countless examples of how dairy farmers and processors care for the environment and serve as stewards of our land and water resources. Because of the industry's efforts in leading the conversation when it comes to climate change and dairy's role, dairy farmers are well-positioned to showcase to the public, policymakers, and industry stakeholders that dairy farmers are part of the solution to climate change concerns.

What are some examples of dairy farms reducing their environmental footprint?

The industry formally launched an industry-wide, on-farm effort called the Net Zero Initiative. What are the four key focus areas of this initiative?

What are some new innovative ways dairy farmers can become even more sustainable on their farms?

What will be most important to help dairy farmers achieve these goals? What are the most important messages for the dairy industry to convey to the public, policymakers, and industry stakeholders?

If chosen as a scholarship recipient, I hereby authorize FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative to use my photo for public relation purposes:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

____ Application Form

____ TWO Recommendation Letters

____ Transcript/Grades

____ Post-Secondary Acceptance Letter (if applicable)

____ Photo

____ Postmarked by March 31, 2024

This application must be submitted or postmarked by **March 31, 2024 in order to be accepted.**