

MENARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Menard County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship is to enhance interest in and financially support young people with an interest in agriculture.

II. FUNDING

This scholarship is funded by the Menard County Farm Bureau Foundation.

III. AMOUNT

Three scholarships are to be awarded as a one-time \$1,000 amount. Payment will be made to the Financial Aid Office of the appropriate college, university, or trade school for the benefit of the recipient.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

High school seniors, whose immediate family are members of Menard County Farm Bureau in good standing, and who:

1. Are enrolled in full-time study in one of the following schools: Athens, Greenview, or PORTA.
2. Are accepted at an accredited 4-year college or university; a 2-year junior college; or trade school.
3. Have fully completed the application and essay requirement and have included an official transcript.

V. APPLICATION, ESSAY PROCEDURES

Applications must be completely filled out and **typed** and information must be verifiable. Information on the application will be judged against other applications. Particular attention will be paid to the academic record, extra-curricular activities, work experience, leadership skills and achievement. Fifty percent of the overall score will be based on the application.

Essays must be original and created by the applicant. They must be typewritten, more than 250 words but less than 500 words, and double-spaced. The theme for 2019 is **“Discuss a technological development in agriculture in the last five years. Has it been an asset or detriment to agriculture? Support your opinion.”** Content, adherence to the theme, grammar, spelling and punctuation will be judged. Fifty percent of the overall score is based on the essay.

VI. PROCEDURES

Applications and essays must be presented to the office of the Menard County Farm Bureau, 101 E Jefferson, Petersburg, IL 62675 by 2pm on March 29th.

A selection committee, named by the Farm Bureau Manager and the Foundation Board of Directors, will judge each application and essay.

Announcement of the winner will be made during the month of May.