

## **BRIAN SATORIUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Brian Satorius Memorial Scholarship is to enhance interest in and financially support young people within agriculture.

### II. FUNDING

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

### III. AMOUNT

The Brian Satorius Scholarship is \$1,000 per year for up to four years. Renewal is based on continuing enrollment in college and a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Recipient must submit a copy of official transcript and letter of intent for continuing college enrollment to the Menard County Farm Bureau Foundation no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year of eligibility. 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 a high school official transcript.
4. Show an involvement in Agriculture with the desire to continue to contribute to agriculture post-graduation (FFA, 4-H, Ag Classes, Farming).
5. GPA Requirement of a 2.5 or higher.

V. APPLICATION, ESSAY PROCEDURES

Applications must be **filled out completely** 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 typed, more than 250 words but less than 500 words, and double-spaced. The theme for 2024 is:

**“Agriculture is constantly evolving to meet the needs of a growing population with consideration for our environment. Share your thoughts on the impact of renewable energy and technological advances such as GPS and AI on the agriculture industry.”**

Content, adherence to the theme, grammar, spelling, and punctuation will be judged. Fifty percent of the overall score is based on the essay.

One headshot photograph must be turned in or submitted at the time of the application due date. This process is to ensure that if said candidate is chosen, the Menard County Farm Bureau Foundation can properly promote the candidate as the winner of the scholarship.

VI. PROCEDURES

Applications, essays, and a headshot must be submitted to the office of the Menard County Farm Bureau, 101 E Jefferson, Petersburg, IL 62675 **by 4 pm 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.