

MASON COUNTY TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mason County Trade Scholarship is to enhance interest in and financially support young people furthering their career in trades

II. FUNDING

This scholarship is funded by the Mason County Farm Bureau.

III. AMOUNT

One scholarship is to be awarded as a **one-time** \$1,000 amount. Payment will be made to the Financial Aid Office of the trade school/institute/technical university for the benefit of the recipient.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

High school seniors who:

1. Are enrolled in full-time study in one of the following schools: Havana, Midwest Central, Illini Central, or home schooled.
2. Are accepted at an accredited trade school/institute/technical university.
3. Are not immediate family members of employees or board of Mason County Farm Bureau.
4. Have fully completed the application and essay requirement.

V. APPLICATION, ESSAY PROCEDURES

Applications must be **filled** out and information must be verifiable. Online form is preferred. 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.

Essays must be original and created by the applicant. They must be typewritten. The theme for 2024 is **“How are you going to apply your education to benefit your rural community?”** There is no minimum length requirement, but answer the question completely. Content, adherence to the theme, grammar, spelling, and punctuation will be judged.

VI. PROCEDURES

Applications and essays must be submitted online via the JotForm or presented to the office of the Mason County Farm Bureau, 127 S High, PO Box 318, Havana, IL 62644 **by 4:00 pm on March 29th, 2024.**

A selection committee, named by the Farm Bureau Manager and Service Company Manager, will judge each application and essay.

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