

MASON COUNTY AG SCHOLARSHIP

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mason County Ag Scholarship is to enhance interest in and financially support young people majoring in agricultural fields

II. FUNDING

This scholarship is funded by the Mason County Farm Bureau and Sunrise FS.

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 or university for the benefit of the recipient.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

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

1. Are enrolled in full-time study in one of the following schools: Havana, Midwest Central, Illini Central, or A-C Central.
2. Are accepted at an accredited 4-year college or university or a 2-year junior college.
3. Are not immediate family members of employees or boards of Mason County Farm Bureau, Sunrise FS or Country Financial.
4. Have fully completed the application and essay requirement.

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 2018 is **“If you were Illinois Director of Agriculture, what one policy for food or farming would you enact and why?”** 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 Mason County Farm Bureau, 127 S High, PO Box 318, Havana, IL 62644 by 4:00 pm on March 30th.

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.

2018 Mason County Ag Scholarship Application

1. Name _____
Address _____

Phone (____) _____
Age _____
Last 4 digits of Social Sec. # _____
Student's email address _____

2. Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____

Phone (____) _____
Farm Bureau Member? Yes No

3. High School _____
Month/Year of Graduation _____
School Counselor _____

4. High School GPA _____ on a _____ point scale
ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

5. **List of courses taken that relate to a possible future use in an agricultural occupation**
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

6. **Extra-Curricular Activities (please list the name of the group, how long you have been a member, and any officers held or titles. Top 5 only please.)**
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. _____

7. **Community, Sports, or Other Activities. Please describe.**

8. **Work Experience:** Please describe, include where, when, who is (was) your supervisor, what your job entails:

9. **College Or University you plan to attend**

What will be your major area of study? Please be specific.

What was the main factor for choosing this college and major?

10. **What are your goals in the next 5 years?**

What are your goals in the next 20 years?

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You have completed your application! Please read the following statement, sign, and attach your essay.

I have completed the application to the best of my ability. The attached essay is my original work. I understand the \$1,000 scholarship will be sent to the financial aid office of the college at which I enroll. You may use my name and pictures for promotion of the scholarship if I am selected as a recipient.

Signature

Date

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