



**HAMILTON
FARM BUREAU**

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Hamilton Farm Bureau Cooperative Inc. is offering to award one scholarship of \$1,000 to a selected graduate of one of the following schools that is located in the Hamilton Farm Bureau trade areas:

Allegan High School, Byron Center High School, Caledonia High School, Delton High School, Elk Rapids High School, Fennville High School, Holland Christian High School, Hopkins High School, Kalkaska High School, Martin High School, Plainwell High School, Sutton's Bay Senior High School, Traverse City High School, Unity High School, Wayland High School, Zeeland East High School and Zeeland West High School.

In making application for scholarship, a graduate must meet the following criteria:

1. The scholarship must be used at an accredited college, university or technical school. The amount of the scholarship will be paid directly to the school against tuition, fees, books or other supplies required for courses at the institution.
2. The applicant must complete the application form for the Hamilton Farm Bureau Scholarship and return it to the Hamilton Farm Bureau Main Office by March 18, 2009 of his/her senior year.
3. Recipient must be enrolled and attending the college or university as a full-time student by the beginning of the fall semester and pursuing an education in the **agricultural field or an ag-related field of study.**
4. Student must live in the selected school district.

SELECTION COMMITTEE CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the selection committee in determining the individual scholarship winner:

1. Applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities.
2. Applicant's academic progress in high school.
3. Applicant's interest in furthering his or her education in the **field of agriculture** or an **ag-related field** and meeting criteria of the scholarship program.

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Selection Committee will be the final determiner of the scholarship winner. The representation on the Committee will include:

- Two members of the Hamilton Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

The scholarship money will not be given directly to the student, but will be sent to the college or university selected by the student. The Director of Financial Aid of the college or university will then make the funds available to be applied against tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses at the educational institution.

- (a) One half (\$500) of the scholarship awarded will be made available to the scholarship winner in August for the first semester. The other half (\$500) will be made available at the beginning of the next semester period.
- (b) The college or university will be instructed to refund unused scholarship funds to the Hamilton Farm Bureau. If the student transfers from one college or university to another school, any unused money will be refunded to the Hamilton Farm Bureau for transfer.
- (c) It will be the student's responsibility to keep the Hamilton Farm Bureau informed of his/her intentions via letter, phone or personal appearance.

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Application for Hamilton Farm Bureau Scholarship

SECTION I. Information to be supplied by applicant

Please type (or print) Telephone Number: _____

Name in Full _____
first middle last

Date of Birth _____ Male Female Birthplace _____
month/day/year town state

Name of high school _____

Date of graduating ceremony _____

Full Name of
Parent or Guardian _____

Please list names as they should appear on a news release

Permanent Address of
Parent or Guardian _____
street or route number town county state ZIP

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Number of brothers and sisters older than you _____ younger _____

What college do you plan to attend? _____

Date you expect to enter: (Month and year) _____

Do you plan to commute from home? If not, where do you plan to live? _____

In the space below, briefly summarize your school, church and community activities.
List organizations of which you are a member and offices you held.

Please list all other scholarships, awards or financial aids for which you have applied, or have been granted (indicate which) for the coming school years.

Name of Financial Aid _____ Value _____ Has it been granted to you?

What will be your major college study and what are your educational plans?

Indicate what you have done in planning ahead to help meet your anticipated college expenses. How have you earned or saved money and what will be your plans for the coming summer?

The Applicant herewith consents that the Scholarship Selection Committee be fully informed as to the Applicant's scholastic standing, character, and other factors having a bearing on this Application.

Signature of Applicant: _____

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR PART OF THIS APPLICATION, PRESENT THIS TO YOUR PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR FOR HIS CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY TO THE HAMILTON FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE.

SECTION II. Information to be supplied by Principal or Counselor

This is to certify that the above applicant ranked _____ on the first seven semesters of work in a class of _____ seniors.

Date of high school graduation will be _____
ACT Score _____

The Committee would appreciate a brief statement concerning your evaluation of this applicant's citizenship and worthiness for scholarship consideration.

Date: _____ Principal or Counselor _____

Name of High School _____