



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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### ***Am I Eligible to apply?***

Each scholarship has specific criteria that are defined by the sponsor when the scholarship is established. Please read the scholarship description in the Scholarship Catalog to see if you qualify. Criteria that apply to all scholarships are listed below. **ALL** scholarship applicants must:

- Be less than 23 years of age at time of application (February 1)
- Be current FFA members unless otherwise stated
- Be U.S. citizen or permanent resident
  - o Must have Social Security Number to claim scholarships
- Plan to attend post-secondary school in the U.S.
- Be a high school senior or currently enrolled in college
- Be a full-time student
  - o Actively attending classes
  - o Minimum 12 credit hours if enrolled in a post-secondary institution

### ***What is the deadline to apply?***

The application must be submitted online by **5 p.m. EST on Feb. 1**. The printed Signature Page\* must be postmarked no later than Feb. 8, (or next business day if Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday or holiday). \* Signature Page link will not be available after 5 p.m. EST on Feb 8.

### ***How do I apply?***

**All applicants must have an account in FFA.org. FFA members create an FFA.org account using an Invite code or FFA ID obtained from their FFA advisor.** Non-members do not need an Invite code or FFA ID to create a "Community" account.

Students sign in, open their Dashboard and click the application link under "My Account."

**IMPORTANT: APPLICANTS MUST CREATE OR UPDATE THEIR PROFILE (MY INFORMATION) IN FFA.ORG BEFORE BEGINNING AN APPLICATION.**

### ***Do I need to fill out a separate application for every scholarship in the guidebook of interest to me?***

No, you only need to submit one application. You will be considered for all scholarships whose criteria you meet.

### ***Can I start and stop working on the application?***

Yes, students can exit and re-enter the application. To return to the application, sign into **FFA.org** and proceed to the application (Dashboard/My Account).

***The scholarship application asks for a member ID number. I do not know my member ID number. What should I do?***

All FFA members have a member ID (FFA ID) number. If you are unable to locate your member ID number, ask your FFA advisor.

**ONLY STUDENTS WITH A CURRENT, ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WITH MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.** The deadline to confirm membership status with the National FFA Organization is **MARCH 1**.

***What if I change my major or choose to attend a different school than what I listed on my application?***

Each scholarship sponsor sets their own criteria for the scholarships they provide and you may be awarded a scholarship based on criteria such as your intended major or the school you plan to attend. If you receive a scholarship and information you listed on your application has changed, please notify the scholarship office. If you no longer meet the sponsor's requirements, there is a chance you will have to forfeit the scholarship.

***I am not in school right now. Can I still apply?***

No. All applicants must be full-time students currently enrolled in school and actively attending classes to apply. **Under NO circumstances should a student apply twice at the same grade level.**

***I was an FFA member in high school. Should I apply as a member or non-member?***

You must be active on a chapter roster to apply as an FFA member. If you are not currently active on a chapter roster, contact your high school FFA advisor for information about reinstatement. If you are not eligible for reinstatement, you may apply as a non-member.

***I am a home-schooled student. I am a member of the local high school's FFA chapter but I am not enrolled there. What do I do about the principal and/or guidance counselor signature? How do I measure class ranking? How should personal/school information be filled out?***

You are at a disadvantage. Without a student class ranking, you can lose potential points on the academic scoring. Without a principal and/or guidance counselor signature, the application is disqualified. Check with the local high school to see if there is someone who can certify your rank and GPA.

***My high school does not assign rank. What can I do?***

This information is part of the academic scoring rubric. If your school does not assign class rank, you may check with your guidance counselor to determine which percentile you occupy. An estimated class rank can be determined by taking the total number of graduating seniors and multiplying that number by the percent. (Example: Applicant is in the upper 25% percentile of a graduating class of 250.  $250 \times .25 = 62.5$ ; so applicant would rank 63 out of 250.)

***How are applications judged?***

The scholarship award process is automated. Scholarship recipients are selected based on individual applications meeting eligibility and sponsor criteria requirements.

***Will I receive notice of being awarded a scholarship?***

All notifications will be sent out the end of May, following the selection process. In addition, a listing of all recipients will be posted on [www.FFA.org](http://www.FFA.org) by May 7.

***How do I claim my scholarship?***

Recipients are mailed instructions the end of May. To claim their funds, recipients must return a completed acceptance agreement with a copy of their collegiate class schedule and a copy of the thank you letter to their sponsor.

***How are scholarship funds issued?***

Scholarship checks are made payable to both the student **and** the school they are attending. Checks are mailed to the student's address printed on the acceptance agreement unless otherwise noted.

***When will I get my scholarship check?***

It takes approximately two to three weeks to issue a check after FFA receives the required documentation from the recipient.

***How may my scholarship funds be used?***

The scholarships are solely for educational expenses. That includes books, supplies, tuition, fees and room and board unless otherwise indicated.

***Can I receive more than one scholarship?***

Applicants are eligible for one scholarship as a high school senior and one scholarship while enrolled in a post-secondary institution. No student may receive more than two national collegiate scholarships during their academic career.

***I live outside of the United States. Am I eligible to apply?***

All applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a Social Security Number and have a mailing address within the United States. If selected, recipients must provide proof of full-time enrollment at a college or university within the United States.

**Scholarship checks will not be mailed outside the United States.**