

Scholarships

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HY-VEE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant must be a high school senior working for Hy-Vee or subsidiary who began employment on or before September 15, 2016 or a high school senior son and-or daughter of a full-, regular-, or part-time Hy-Vee or subsidiary employee who has a minimum of 6 months employment as of September 15, 2016 and enrolling in college for the first time. Application available in Guidance Office or online at www.hy-vee.com.
Deadline: February 10, 2017

B. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any post-secondary institution. No age restriction. Be sure to add your name and the school you are attending this year and next. To apply you will need to write an essay of less than 1000 words on this topic: Describe three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed as an individual. Submit essay by email to awards@studentawardsearch.com.
Deadline: May 22, 2017

JOHN WOOD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Application packet available in the QHS Guidance Office
Deadline: March 4, 2017

JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC/LEADERSHIP WAIVER

Application available in QHS Guidance Office and College and Career Center.
Deadline: March 3, 2017

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Visit www.k-state.edu to earn part of \$29 million K-state awards each year in scholarships. They are awarded based on academics, activities, service and financial need.

QUINCY PROMISE

The Quincy Promise Scholarship is a new scholarship promoting college career, technical and health education programs at JWCC. Scholarship application process begins October 1st each year and ends by February 1st. Eligibility is for any first time college student who applies for this program within one year of graduation from a high school in QUINCY and who pursues a technical or health education program of study at JWCC. This is a tuition only scholarship. Money will be applied after grants and other scholarships are applied to student's account. Information available in the QHS Guidance Office and College and Career Center.

Illinois AMVETS

Scholarship criteria and applications can be found on www.ilamvets.org.
Deadline: March 1, 2017

The 2017 TeenDrive365 Video Challenge

Learning to drive is one of the coolest times for a teen. But facts have shown it can be extremely dangerous. You have the power to inspire your fellow teens, maybe better than a teacher or a parent can, because you know what messages will be the most powerful. Create a 30-60 second video for your fellow teen drivers that highlights the importance of safe teen driving and you could win \$15,000, or one of 14 other prizes!

<http://teendrive365inschool.com> Contest ends February 23, 2017

Baxter Memorial Scholarship

The Baxter Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior residing or attending school within the counties of Adams, Brown, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, or Schuyler in Illinois who will attend an ABET-accredited engineering or technical program at a four-year college or university. The scholarship award is up to a maximum of \$1,000. More than one applicant may be chosen to receive the scholarship. Application packet available in QHS Guidance office.

Deadline: March 3, 2017

THOMAS H. MOORE IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Adams Electric Cooperative General Manager Jim Thompson has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2017 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a tenth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2017 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A sixth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Three additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$2,000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, endowed the scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and can be found online at the Cooperative’s website at: adamselectric.coop. The application can be completed online. For more information or questions regarding the scholarships, contact Laura Dotson at Adams Electric at (217) 509-7761 or (800) 232-4797.

STOKES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Stokes Program is open to high school seniors, particularly minority students, planning to major in computer science or computer electrical engineering.

With the Stokes Program, you will attend college full-time, then work during the summer at NSA’s main headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland, for a minimum of twelve weeks in areas that area related to your course of study. You’ll acquire real world experience and receive a salary year round. Visit IntelligenceCareers.gov/NSA for the most current information.

ILLINOIS CHEMICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION \$2,000 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The ICEF's objective is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement. Submit the following information postmarked no later than February 17, 2017 and received no later than February 22, 2017. www.cicil.net

- Name, address and telephone number ONLY on a cover page.
- Official high school transcript (must have official seal or enclosed in a sealed envelope with signature of school official across the seal) including grade point average with scale and rank in high school class.
- ACT/SAT/PSAT scores
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers; including one science teacher. The letter must be on official letterhead and signed.
- A one page essay on "How did you become interested in your chosen field and where do you hope it takes you?"
- List of extracurricular activities, including community service, awards and accomplishment, and employment/work experience.
- Do not include photographs, certificates, folders, binders or college acceptance letters with your application. Please do not staple papers together.

The information should be put together in a complete packet and sent to:

ICEF/High School Scholarship Award Committee
1400 E Touhy Avenue
Suite 110
Des Plaines, IL 60018

THE ILLINOIS ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Independent Order of Odd Fellow and Rebekahs of Illinois, being aware of the financial need for many deserving students wishing to continue their education in any post-secondary school or an accredited vocational/technical school, is pleased to announce the continuance of their 2017/2018 scholarship program. Applicants need not be affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but must be a resident of Illinois, a citizen of the United States and have maintained a C average.

Application and more information available in the QHS Guidance Office and at www.ioof-il.org
Deadline: February 28, 2017.

CULVER STOCKTON

Pillars for Excellence full-tuition scholarship competition

Requirements:

- Apply to the college and be admitted as a first-time freshman
- Achieve a score of 26 on the ACT or 1260 on the SAT
- Earn a 3.75% cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale or rank in the top 10% of your graduating class

Competition Process:

- Visit and tour campus between October and January
- Meet with our Pillars Scholar Committee
- Submit an essay on a multi-faceted current event, assigned by the Pillars Scholar Committee

Scholarships for First-Year Students

Trustee's Scholarship - \$52,000
President's Scholarship - \$46,000
Hilltop Scholarship - \$40,000
Wildcat Scholarship - \$32,000
Promise Scholarship - \$24,000

For more information go to culver.edu/value or call (800) 537-1883

Tim Breslin Memorial Scholarship

The Chicago Wolves created the Tim Breslin Memorial Scholarship, which provides a \$7,500 stipend toward college tuition, in loving memory of former player Tim Breslin. The scholarship will be awarded primarily on the essay.

All interested junior high and high school students must fill out the official application and complete an essay (500 words or less) on the subject detailed in this entry form. The essay may be handwritten or typed and submitted with the application.

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday March 3, 2017.

For application and more information go to:

<http://www.chicagowolves.com/community/educational-programs/tim-breslin-memorial-scholarship/>

The Carl J. Megel Special Education Scholarship Honoring AFT President Emeritus Carl J. Megel

IFT educators have a unique opportunity to help special education students pursue higher education or career training by sponsoring them for the union's **Carl J. Megel Special Education Scholarship**.

In 2017, the **IFT will award one \$1,000 Megel scholarship** to a deserving high school senior who is enrolled in a special education school, class, or program for students with disabilities. Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate in 2017.

IFT members who work directly with (or previously worked with) an eligible student must provide a letter of sponsorship for the applicant. (Children of IFT members may also apply.) **The application deadline is March 3, 2017. Application available in the QHS Guidance Office.**

THE ANDREW FLUSHE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Andrew Flusche Scholarship Contest requires students to raise awareness about the dangers of texting and driving. Applicants must **create a public service advertisement video (PSA) which raises addresses the severity of the problem**. Two winners will be chosen each year, 1 per semester, and each winner will receive **\$500** to put towards higher education.

ELIGIBILITY:

The following people are eligible for the scholarship:

- High school seniors who have been accepted into a college, university, or trade school.
- Students who are currently enrolled in a college, university, or trade school.

You must be a citizen or lawful resident of the United States in order to apply.

GUIDELINES:

We want to see how creative and convincing you can be with your video. Make sure it is geared towards your peers. Videos can be technical, narrative, documentary, fiction or any other video style you can think of. Video selfies will not be considered. Be creative! We've seen tons of stats and percentages and they get boring. The video must be yours. Music videos taken YouTube will not be considered.

<https://www.andrewflusche.com/scholarship/>

Deadline: June 30, 2017

ILLINOIS LUMBER AND MATERIAL DEALERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarships Among the activities of the Foundation is the awarding of academic scholarships each year to selected students to pursue industry-related course work at colleges and universities. These scholarships will assist and encourage qualified students to further or continue their interest in selecting the lumber and building materials field as a career. The number of scholarships and the dollar amount for each will be determined by the Foundation, but each scholarship will be not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements: Any student who is enrolled full time in a certificate or degree program in an accredited trade school, 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university, and who is a resident of Illinois is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Students may apply each year, up to four years, While scholarship recipient selection will not be based solely on financial need, it may be taken into consideration. Children of the Foundation selection committee are not eligible. Deadline: March 14, 2017. Application available in QHS Guidance Office.

Beta Sigma Psi – National Lutheran Fraternity Scholarships

From its beginnings as The Concordia Club in 1921, Beta Sigma Psi was chartered in 1925 as a fraternity dedicated to serving the Lutheran Community. Our membership is made up of Lutherans from congregations across the United States, dedicated to the values of Spiritual Growth, Scholastic Achievement, and Social Responsibility. With that mission in mind, many of our chapters offer Scholarships to High School Seniors who will be attending college upon graduation.

These Scholarships are a way of giving back to the Lutheran church and supporting her youth. Young men who wish to apply are under no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member for consideration. Applicants may apply for multiple awards if they are still deciding which school they plan to attend. Visit www.betasigmapi.org for links to Scholarship Applications being offered at various universities. You can also contact Adam Rusch, Grants Director for the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation at grants@betasigmapi.org. Deadline February 17, 2017

Society of Women Engineers

SWE Scholarships support women pursuing ABET-accredited bachelor or graduate student programs in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology and computer science in the United States. In 2016, SWE disbursed approximately 230 new and renewed scholarships valued at more than \$750,000.

Applicants complete one application and are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/scholarships/>

Project Yellow Light Scholarship

Your Mission: Create a video EITHER exactly :25 or exactly :55 seconds.

Your Audience: Young drivers who are new to the road.

Your Topic: Stop distracted driving. And like drivers, videos are better when they are focused, so pick one type of distraction as the subject of your video: Texting while driving, E-mailing, Tweeting, Facebooking, Snapchatting, or anything else someone does with their thumbs and their phone instead of keeping them on the wheel.

Why: Prevent serious car crashes and deaths.

How: You have creative license. Just be sure it's in good taste and that you DON'T film yourself or anyone else driving while distracted.

Go to www.projectyellowlight.com for more information

Ronald D. Weiss \$2,500 College Scholarship Contest

The cost of obtaining a college education has grown rapidly over the past few decades, making it more and more difficult for many people to realize their educational goals. As an attorney, Ronald D. Weiss understands the value of higher education as well as the tremendous investment of time and money obtaining one can involve. In an effort to help a new generation meet their educational costs, Mr. Weiss is pleased to announce that he is offering incoming and existing college students an opportunity to win \$2,500 college scholarship.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship, applicants must fit the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in a college or university or planning to enroll as a freshman for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Be in good academic standing with your current educational institution.
- If under 18, have the permission of your parent or guardian to apply.

<http://www.ny-bankruptcy.com/scholarship/>

Deadline: April 17, 2017

Odenza Vacations College Scholarship

Deadline: June 1st, 2017

Number of Awards: One

Award Value: \$500

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please email the program administrator at: ryan@studentscholarships.org. To be considered eligible for the Odenza Vacations College Scholarship you must:

- 1) Be between the ages of 17 and 24 on September 1st, 2017
- 2) Submit answer to the essay question, which can be found on the application page, prior to the June 1st, 2017 deadline.
- 3) Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- 4) Be a resident of the United States or Canada

The scholarship winner will be announced roughly 6 weeks after the deadline and will be posted on this website immediately after. All applications must be received by 11:59pm ET on the day of the deadline. No late applications will be reviewed.

<http://odenzavacationsscholarships.com>

National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Scott/St. Louis Chapter Scholarship

The purpose of the NDTA Scott/St. Louis Chapter scholarship program is to promote careers in Business, Transportations Logistics, and Physical Distribution. Although all students may apply, preference will be given to students pursuing these and related courses of study.

Complete information and application available in the QHS Guidance Office.

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Altrusa International Patricia & Leonard Kramer Memorial Scholarship

The Patricia & Leonard Kramer Memorial Scholarship, awarded by Altrusa of Quincy, Illinois Foundation, is a one-year (Fall - August/September, Winter - January-May/June) non-renewable award for a resident of Adams County. The scholarship is for a high school senior enrolling in an accredited college, university or technical school. The scholarship will be sent directly to the institution. Half the award will be applied at the beginning of each semester of the 2017-2018 academic year.

More information and application available in the QHS Guidance Office.

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Abbott & Fenner Annual Scholarship

The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution.

To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com

Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals. AWARD VALUE: \$1,000

DEADLINE: June 12, 2017

Adams County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship

Do not fill out this application if you will be attending JWCC as a separate scholarship will be awarded through the JWCC Foundation.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be a high school graduate or graduating in 2017.
- Be an Adams County Farm Bureau member, spouse of a member or child of a member. *(minimum 1 year)*
- *Be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at a post-secondary school*
- *Exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study and be a full-time student.*
- *Be a resident of Illinois*
- *Not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of an Adams County Farm Bureau member or employee.*

Application available in the QHS Guidance Office

Deadline: March 7, 2017

Town & Country Bank Midwest Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to assist one graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional achievement.

Consideration will be given to any outgoing senior who will be attending a post-secondary school (vocational, 2-year or 4-year college). To be considered students must complete the Town & Country Bank Midwest Scholarship Application. The recipient will be chosen by a committee from Town & Country Bank Midwest. Application available in the QHS Guidance Office.

Deadline: March 24, 2017

The Cohen & Jaffe Law Office College Scholarship

Two prizes available – first place will be awarded \$1,000, second place awarded \$500, and three honorable mentions available at \$250 each. For this contest students must compose an essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 750 words. There are two topics that applicants can write about:

1. Describe a time you drastically impacted someone else and improved their life.
2. What guidelines would you develop to ensure safety precautions are adhered to at medical facilities? What needs to be changed to protect patients?

Deadline: April 3, 2017

More information available at www.cohenjaffe.com/college-scholarship

2017 Student-View Scholarship Program

The 2017 Student-View Scholarship Program is offering \$11,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college or career school. The program includes one \$4,000 scholarship, two \$1,000 scholarships, and ten \$500 scholarships.

No minimum SAT/ACT score or grade point average, no essay required, no lengthy application forms, no application fees.

Simply log on to www.student-view.com and complete a 15-20 minutes application survey about colleges in your area.

Deadline: April 22, 2017

Niche “No Essay” College Scholarship

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: Last day of every month.

Eligibility: Anyone planning to attend college or graduate school within 12 months.

How to apply: Just register on their website. That's it. www.niche.com

All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year can apply. Not everyone is eligible for this scholarship. Read the [scholarship rules](#).

The \$2,000 “No Essay” Scholarship is an easy scholarship with no essay required! The scholarship can be used to cover tuition, housing, books, or any education-related expenses. The monthly winner will be determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the [Scholarship Winners](#) page. You can apply once each month, with a new winner selected every month.

DCU Memorial Scholarship for High School Seniors

DCU (Digital Federal Credit Union) recognizes the lifetime value of a college education. The DCU Memorial Scholarship Program is designed to assist outstanding students with the cost of this education. DCU wants to recognize your hard work and promote your goals, too. Beginning in November of 2016, students in their senior year of high school who will be attending a state or nationally accredited college or university in the fall of 2017 are able to apply for the Annual DCU Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships are awarded on academic merit, teachers' references, an original essay, awards and recognition, and extracurricular and community service activities. An impartial panel of college educators will judge the participants' entries. In 2017, DCU will award up to \$100,000 in Scholarships. All funds are distributed through the DCU for Kids Foundation.

2016-2017 Entry Information:

- All entries must be submitted electronically through the online portal
- Applications and **all supporting materials** are due on or before Friday, March 3, 2017 at 3pm (EST). All materials **must be uploaded to your application and submitted** by the deadline date and time. Any materials received after the deadline date will not be considered for review.
- Scholarship winners will be notified around the beginning of May.

Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship is available to full - time students who reside and attend school in Illinois. To be considered, you must submit an essay of no more than 350 words on the following topic: "In your opinion, is there a heroin epidemic in your community, and what steps could be taken to combat the problem? What is the driving demand behind heroin use in teens, and why do you think heroin use is soaring in the United States?"

Applications are available at local sheriff's offices or the internet at www.ilsheriff.org Fill out the application, complete the written essay and return all documentation to the **sheriff's office in the county of your permanent residence by March 15, 2017 (must be postmarked by this date)**. 1) Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents. 2) Scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within Illinois. 3) Students must be enrolled as full-time students for 2017-2018.

Do not send completed applications to the ISA Office! YOU MUST MAIL THEM TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE!

The Illinois PTA Scholarship

The Illinois PTA Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students entering an education related field of study are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Applicants must be:

High School seniors graduating from an Illinois Public school;

Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above in a non-weighted 4.0 scale. Please convert the GPA if it is weighted and/or a 5.0 scale.

Enrolling in a college or university in education or education-related degree program, which may include: Librarians, Instructional Media Specialists, School Nurses, School Psychologists, or Social Workers (all of which require certification from a State Board of Education).

Current high school seniors may apply online at www.illinoispta.org now through February 15, 2017. **Be sure grades for a minimum of 7 semesters of high school are available on the uploaded transcript.**

UNCF/KOCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The UNCF/Koch Scholars Program (UKSP) is designed to teach students how to develop and apply an entrepreneurial mindset by exploring how the study of entrepreneurship, innovation and economics contribute to well-being for individuals, communities and societies.

Students, who are competitively selected to participate in this program, will receive:

- * Scholarship Support of up to \$5,000/Year
- * Exclusive Access to an Online Learning Community About Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economics
- * Mentoring Opportunities and Networking Access

UNCF/Koch Scholars Program

To Apply for a UKSP Undergraduate Scholarship, an Applicant Must Be:

- * African-American
- * A High School Senior Applying to or Admitted to an Eligible Full-Time Four-Year College or University, See Important Note Below**
- * Pursuing One of the Seven Eligible Disciplines: (a) Accounting, (b) Business, (c) Economics, (d) Engineering, (e) History, (f) Philosophy or (g) Political Science. Reference Supporting Documents to Verify Your School and Major Eligibility. See Important Note Below.**
- * A High School Senior with a Cumulative 2.7 GPA
- * A Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States
- * Committed to Learning about How Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economics Contribute to Well-Being through Participation in an Online Community and Annual Summit.

1st Farm Credit Services Scholarship

Currently, 1st Farm Credit Services partners with four universities in Illinois to offer scholarship to agriculture students. Each university selects the recipient.

1st Farm Credit Services partners with **Illinois State University** for the John Leatherbury Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student with an agriculture major, with consideration of academic performance. For more information, contact the Illinois State University Agriculture Department.

1st Farm Credit Services partners with **Southern Illinois University** for a scholarship named after the association. The \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student with an agriculture major, with consideration of academic performance. The university selects the recipient. For more information, contact the College of Agricultural Sciences.

1st Farm Credit Services partners with **University of Illinois** for a scholarship named after the association. The \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student with an agriculture major, with consideration of academic performance. For more information, contact the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

1st Farm Credit Services partners with **Western Illinois University** for a scholarship named after the association. The \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student with an agriculture major, with consideration of academic performance. For more information, contact the Western Illinois University Agriculture Department.

1st Farm Credit Services Community College Scholarship Programs

The program provides one \$500 agricultural scholarship at the following eight community colleges in our 42-county service territory: Black Hawk College – East Campus, Kewanee; Highland Community College, Freeport; Illinois Central College, East Peoria; Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby; John Wood Community College, Perry; Joliet Junior College, Joliet; Kishwaukee College, Malta; and Spoon River College, Canton.

To be eligible, a student must have been accepted into an agriculture or agriculture-related curriculum at one of the above community colleges.

Selection is made by the community college. 1st Farm Credit Services is not involved in the selection of these scholarships.

For applications and selection details about the 1st Farm Credit Service agriculture scholarship – and other available scholarships – at these community colleges, students should contact the institution's financial aid office or agriculture department directly.

1st Farm Credit Services First Choice Agriculture Scholarship

1st Farm Credit Services is pleased to offer the First Choice Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship will assist deserving high school seniors to further their education in an agriculture or rural life-related field of study.

PROGRAM: Provides 24, individual \$1,500 scholarships to students within the 42-county services territory of 1st Farm Credit Services. The scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an agriculture or agriculture-related curriculum at a university, college or community college and either reside or attend high school within 1st Farm Credit Services' service territory.* Agriculture-related fields include those that would contribute to the quality of rural life for people living in rural areas, or for those who want to return to a rural area to work in any field.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Selection will be based on a combination of academic achievement, community and agricultural youth organization involvement and essays. Applicants will be judged by a panel of independent agribusiness, education, youth and farm organization leaders.

APPLICATION: Applications are now open. Visit www.1stfarmcredit.com

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by February 15, 2017.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact your local branch or Karen Blatter at (309) 268-0254 or kblatte@1stfarmcredit.com.

Hadden Scholarship

www.fdn.org for complete information

Grants have ranged from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per year and are renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate scholarship funding at our discretion. Individual scholarship size may fluctuate over time depending upon the size of our endowment

An applicant's first and second college choices and an intended course of study must be provided. It further requests SAT/ACT scores, transcripts, class standing, financial statements (including copies of parents' tax returns), an essay, and two letters of recommendation. Interviews may be required.

Deadline: February 28, 2017

Applicants are notified of their scholarship awards in late May, or early June. Final decisions with regard to the amount of the award, applicant's qualifications and choice of college are at the full discretion of Youth Foundation's Scholarship Committee and its Board of Directors.