

Franklin REC Agriculture & Rural Development Scholarship



Franklin REC will award one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic school year to a student pursuing a career in agriculture or rural development. Eligible applicants must be pursuing degrees in the fields related to agriculture including, but not limited to: agricultural studies, agronomy, animal science, agricultural education, ag business, crop and soil sciences, or other agriculture-related programs.

Eligibility

Applicant **MUST** be a dependent of a Franklin REC member.

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, home school equivalent, or currently enrolled in post-secondary school.

High school applicant must be enrolled full-time in an accredited post-secondary school within 12-months of graduation.

Applicants currently enrolled in a post-secondary school must have full-time status and be enrolled in the next term.

Children and/or grandchildren of Franklin REC directors and employees are not eligible for scholarship.

Requirements

Completed application form.

High school or post-secondary school transcript.

One letter of recommendation from an educator, employer, community leader, etc.

Personal letter including the following information (*minimum of 500 words*):

- **Where do you see yourself in five to ten years? How will a career in agriculture help you reach these goals?**
- **What inspired your interest in agriculture or rural development? Share what led you to this path.**
- **What do you think people often misunderstand or overlook about careers in agriculture or rural communities? What do you wish more people appreciated about this field?**
- **In your own words, how do cooperatives and agriculture make a difference in rural communities? Why do you think cooperative values are important in supporting rural development?**

Submission Process

Submit to Franklin REC Scholarship Committee no later than Monday, March 1, 2027

Email: cmason@franklinrec.coop

Mail: Franklin REC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 437
Hampton, Iowa 50441

Office: Franklin REC
1560 HWY 65
Hampton, Iowa 50441

Application Deadline: Monday, March 1, 2027

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Scholarship Application

Complete this checklist to be considered for the Agriculture & Rural Development Scholarship:

- ☐ Completed Application Form
- ☐ High school or post-secondary school transcript
- ☐ Personal Letter
- ☐ One Letter of Recommendation

Applicant Information	
Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Cooperative Member Information	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Franklin REC Account Number	
Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) members of Franklin REC?	☐ Yes ☐ No
<i>If you answered No in the question above, you are not eligible for this scholarship.</i>	

Education Information	
Name of High School or Post-Secondary School	
Post-Secondary School	
Have you been accepted?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Field of Study	

Letter Of Recommendation	
Evaluator Name	
<i>Please have one person complete the attached recommendation form. The reference may be from an educator, employer, or community leader who knows you well. It cannot be a relative.</i>	

To be completed by applicant 1 of 3

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Recommendation Form

Evaluator Information	
Name of Scholarship Applicant	
Evaluator Name	
Relationship to Applicant	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Note to Evaluator: Please share your observation and opinions about the applicant in the following areas: Work Ethic & Reliability, Initiative & Problem Solving, Commitment & Potential in Agriculture or Rural Development, and any additional comments you believe would be beneficial to the applicant. This evaluation will be given careful consideration by the Franklin REC Scholarship Committee.

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<i>Please send directly to Franklin REC Scholarship Committee no later than Monday, March 1, 2027</i>
Email: cmason@franklinrec.coop
Mail: Franklin REC Scholarship Committee PO Box 437 Hampton, Iowa 50441
Office: Franklin REC 1560 HWY 65 Hampton, Iowa 50441

Evaluator Information	
Signature of Evaluator	
Title/Occupation	

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Please write a personal letter answering the following questions (minimum of 500 words).

Please use additional pages, if necessary:

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Work Ethic & Reliability

Initiative & Problem Solving

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Commitment & Potential in Agriculture & Rural Development Field

Additional Comments

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