

Franklin REC Leadership & Service Scholarship



Franklin REC will award one (1) \$500 scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year to a student pursuing a career in community development, education, public service, nonprofit work, cooperative business, or a related field. This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate a strong commitment to leadership, service, and rural advocacy, and who are pursuing studies that support the growth and sustainability of rural communities.

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 this career path help you get there?**
- **What inspired your interest in leadership, service, or advocacy? Share what led you to this path.**
- **What do you think people often misunderstand or overlook about careers in leadership, service, or advocacy? What do you wish more people appreciated about this field?**
- **In your own words, how do cooperatives make a difference for their members and communities? Why do you think cooperative values matter?**

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 Leadership & Service 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 Leadership, Service, or Advocacy, and any additional comments you believe would be beneficial to 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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Scholarship Application

Please use additional pages, if necessary:

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Recommendation Form

Work Ethic & Reliability

Initiative & Problem Solving

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Commitment & Potential in Leadership, Service or Advocacy Field

Additional Comments

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