

IAA FOUNDATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE,

ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU FAMILIES

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — More than $192,000 in scholarships are available for agriculture students through the IAA Foundation.

“We are once again pleased to offer a scholarship program that encourages students to explore degrees in agriculture related fields,” said Jennifer Smith, IAA Foundation development manager. “It is imperative that the next generation of agriculture leaders receives the financial support they need to stay immersed in their education and build their career in agriculture.”

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 110 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau’s charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from $1,000 to $7,500, will be awarded in total of $192,001 for the 2024-25 school year.

Applications are open for a variety of financial awards including the newly created Promoting Careers in Agriculture Scholarship, Robert E. Koeller Scholarship and the Allen and Ellen M. Blessman Scholarship. Additionally, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy and several family scholarships established to honor loved ones. Fellowships are also available to support students pursuing advanced degrees in fields that directly relate to agriculture.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences and an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the individual scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Applications must be completed online by Feb. 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at

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The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau’s charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

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