



Sauk Valley Area
chamber of commerce

Agricultural Scholarship Application

Your signature on this application is evidence you wish to attend an accredited college or university and enroll in a curriculum in the **field of agriculture**.

The Agri-Business Committee will annually award a minimum of \$1,500 in scholarships. This application is for a one-year scholarship. Individuals may apply for this scholarship more than once; however, a student can only receive the scholarship twice. All applicants must be current residents or students in the Sauk Valley Area.

Scholarships will be awarded based on agricultural background, educational and career goals, extracurricular activities and civic involvement as well as the overall quality of the application. Scholarships will be paid in two installments and mailed directly to the educational institution.

All applications must be received in the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Office on or before March 1st. Please mail or deliver completed applications to:
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, 211 Locust St., Sterling, Illinois 61081.

Applications must include the following information.

- **Completed application – Sections A, B and C**
- **Picture**
- **3 Letters of recommendation (preferred one ag-related)**
- **Transcript complete with ACT score, seventh semester class standing and grade point average**

Applications due to Guidance Offices on February 19th OR you may submit the application directly to the Chamber office on or before March 1st. Failure to have the application to the chamber office by March 1st, will be cause for rejection of the application. NOTE: Please do NOT staple applications, but include your name on each page.

Notification of scholarship winners will be made on or before May 31. Upon notification of receipt of an agri-business scholarship you will be asked to provide a copy of your fall class schedule to the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce office at 211 Locust Street, Sterling, IL by August 1st for distribution of your first semester scholarship payment. Scholarship recipients must also provide a copy of your fall transcript and your spring class schedule to the Chamber Office by January 5 for distribution of your second semester scholarship payment.

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Scholarship

Section A: Personal Information

Name _____

First

Middle

Last

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Name and Location of High School: _____

College you will attend: _____

College Major: _____

Specific Area of Agricultural Interest: _____

Section B: Resume

Business style resume to include various activities, achievements, awards and offices held. The resume should encompass all types of activities: school, 4-H, FFA, church, community, employment and educational experience. **Please note – this information MUST be typed in resume format similar to the attached example. Resume should be single-spaced and no more than three pages in length.**

Section C: Personal Views Statement

Pick **one** of the following questions and state your personal view. The typed statement cannot exceed one page in length and must be double-spaced, using 12-point font with one inch margins. Points will be deducted for exceeding one page.

1. What is the most valuable skill you think you have gained from the agricultural industry, and tell about a situation in which you had to use that skill?
2. How would you explain to a person who has no experience with agriculture what role today's farmer plays in the safety and supply of consumer food?
3. Your school doesn't currently have an agricultural curriculum. How would you try to convince the school board that agriculture should be a part of their curriculum to serve their community?

Student Statement

We the undersigned, agree to allow permission for the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce to obtain confidential student records from the pertaining school system and to publicize said records in the media at the discretion of the organization.

We understand and acknowledge that the scholarship to be awarded, if any, shall be awarded at the sole discretion of the selection committee considering all materials submitted by the applicant. Consideration shall be given to scholarship, extracurricular activities, career aspirations, religious and community activities, and such factors as the selection committee deems appropriate. No one factor shall be the determining factor in awarding of the scholarship; rather the consensus of the selection committee shall be the ultimate criteria for the awarding of the scholarship. The committee reserves the right to not award any scholarships.

The Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to publish the name, school and photograph of scholarship recipient. This could include, but is not limited to, Chamber publications, website or in local media.

Student Name (Print)

Student (Signature)

Date

Parent or Guardian (Print)

Parent or Guardian (Signature)

Date

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[Street Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]
[Telephone]
[Website]
[Email]

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT NAME

OBJECTIVE Check out the few quick tips below to help you get started. To replace any tip text with your own, just click it and start typing.

SKILLS & ABILITIES On the Design tab of the ribbon, check out the Themes, Colors, and Fonts galleries to get a custom look with just a click.
Need another experience, education, or reference entry? You got it. Just click in the sample entries below and then click the plus sign that appears.
Looking for a matching cover letter? All you had to do was ask! On the Insert tab, select Cover Page.

EXPERIENCE **[JOB TITLE, COMPANY NAME]**
[Dates From – To]
This is the place for a brief summary of your key responsibilities and most stellar accomplishments.
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[Dates From – To]
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EDUCATION **[SCHOOL NAME—LOCATION—DEGREE]**
You might want to include your GPA here and a brief summary of relevant coursework, awards, and honors.

COMMUNICATION You delivered that big presentation to rave reviews. Don't be shy about it now! This is the place to show how well you work and play with others.

LEADERSHIP Are you president of your fraternity, head of the condo board, or a team lead for your favorite charity? You're a natural leader—tell it like it is!

REFERENCES **[REFERENCE NAME]**
[Title, Company]
[Contact Information]