

Make A Farmer Foundation Scholarship Requirements

Agriculture • Mechanics • FFA • Trade Schools

You will need to meet at least 5 of the 12 requirements for your application to be considered

- Acceptance/Enrollment in an ag-related major (ag science, agribusiness, animal science, agronomy, ag mechanics), technical or mechanics program, (diesel, welding, HVAC, electrical, machining), trade, or apprenticeship
 - GPA: 2.0+
 - Four years FFA or 4-H
 - Active in at least one sport (does not have to be same sport) for all four years
 - Completion of at least two years of high school ag coursework, shop or vocational coursework.
 - Minimum 20 hours of I.M.P.A.C.T. or community service accumulated over all four years
 - Work program or work experience in related field
 - Recommendation (Ag teacher, Extension agent, shop instructor, FFA Advisor, or employer)
 - Leadership/community service (FFA, 4-H, church, local boards)
 - Proof of Midwest residency
 - Driver's license
 - Hunting or fishing license
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Application Prep Checklist

Have these ready before applying:

- Transcript (official or unofficial)
 - Resume or activity list
 - Personal statement
 - 2–3 letters of recommendation
 - Proof of acceptance/enrollment
 - Work hours or internship documentation
 - FFA or 4-H records (if applicable)
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Make a Farmer Foundation Scholarship Application Form

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Make a Farmer Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to support high school seniors who are passionate about pursuing education in trade schools. Whether you're interested in fields like agriculture, welding, electrical work, plumbing, construction, or other skilled trades, we are here to help you achieve your career goals. Please complete and return the following application to be considered for the scholarship by April 15, 2026.

Personal Information

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Home Address: _____
- City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Educational Background

- Current High School: _____
- Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____
- GPA (if applicable): _____
- List of any relevant classes or programs you have taken in high school (e.g., shop, agriculture, vocational training):

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Trade School Plans

- What trade program or field of study do you plan to pursue? (e.g., welding, carpentry, electrical, agricultural technology, etc.)

- Have you already applied to any trade schools? If yes, which ones?

- What is your expected start date for your trade program? _____

Trade-Related Experience and Interests

- Do you have any work or volunteer experience in a trade or hands-on field? Please describe.

- Why are you interested in pursuing a career in this trade?

- What skills or qualities do you think are important for success in this trade?

- How do you plan to use your trade education to contribute to your community or career?

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References

Please provide contact information for two people who can speak to your character, work ethic, or experience related to your chosen trade.

- Reference 1:
Name: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

 - Reference 2:
Name: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
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Agreement

By submitting this application, I affirm that the information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered for the scholarship. I also agree to allow the Make a Farmer Foundation to use my application materials for review and publicity purposes if selected for the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____
Date: _____

Disclaimer

The Make a Farmer Foundations scholarship plan of action is a driven program. Neither the submission of an application nor meeting the basic eligibility criteria guarantees that an applicant will receive an award. The Board reserves absolute discretion in all awarding decisions and will not enter into correspondence regarding the reasons for its final determinations.

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Submission Instructions

Please submit this completed application form, your scholarship essay, and any required documentation by April 15, 2026 to:

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Prophestown, IL 61277
Email: makeafarmerfoundation@gmail.com
Phone: 815-441-2401

For any questions, please contact Megan Carlson, Vice President.