

# Ray DeVries Memorial Scholarship

## Instructions and Information

Each year the Washington State Farm Bureau offers up to five (5) \$2,000 scholarships.

A person may receive the scholarship only once and must meet the following requirements.

### Applicant must be:

1. A member, or the son, daughter, or legal dependent of a Farm Bureau member family with a current membership
2. Attending an accredited college/university, or technical school
3. Enrolled in a field of agriculture, e.g. food science, horticulture, ag technical course, animal science, etc. or in course as it relates to agriculture
4. Applicants must have completed at least one year of post-secondary education.

### To apply, submit with attached cover sheet the following:

1. A copy of college/university grade transcript (must also include spring term just completed). GPA must be 2.0 or better
2. At least two letters of recommendation (one must be from college/university advisor)
3. A one to two-page essay on your choice of vocation or profession and your future role in agriculture
4. For those applicants who are enrolled in a course of studies outside of the purview of Agriculture, a statement (approx. 300 words) needs to be provided showing how the chosen field of instruction applies to Ag. Further, elective course work (as listed on transcript) and student activities (as listed in #5) must support the statement.
5. A summary of your activities and service to your high school and college (FFA, extra curricular activities, student government, departmental clubs, etc.); to your community (4-H, service projects, church, etc.); to your family (how you have helped with your family's farming enterprise or other family responsibilities); and all work experience. This may be submitted as a resume and may include any awards received.
6. Submit a brief essay on the importance of Farm Bureau. Indicate how you envision your involvement in an ag leadership role in the future.
7. Prepare a proposed budget for the coming school year (expenses: tuition, books, room and board, etc.) indicating how you plan to pay for your education beyond this scholarship (assets: savings, wages, parental support, other scholarships, etc.).
8. Submit your intended fall class schedule for the coming term (college enrollment printout or signed statement from advisor).
9. Provide a photo of yourself suitable for publication.

### Other details:

- Applications MUST be returned to the applicant's county Farm Bureau office. County deadlines vary and are posted in the "Scholarships" section of [www.wsfb.com](http://www.wsfb.com)

- Each county Farm Bureau will review applications from its members and select one (1) for consideration by the Washington Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee.
- County Farm Bureaus must forward their selections to the state Scholarship Committee by July 10.
- Applicants will be judged at the county and state level on the basis of:
  - Essay on Choice of Vocation or Profession (30)
  - Academics (classes chosen to prepare for career choice) (15)
  - GPA (5)
  - Community and School Activities (20)
  - Work and Service to Family (15)
  - Essay on Importance of Farm Bureau (10)
  - Budget (5)

Total Points 100

- Winners will be announced by August 15.
- Payment will be made directly to the college/university registrar's office in winner's name.
- A scholarship shall be used in the year following its award. In the event the scholarship is not used within a year's time, the recipient must present a request for a time extension. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture.

**For further information, please contact your county Farm Bureau office or the Washington Farm Bureau at 1-360-357-9975.**

**DO NOT SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE WASHINGTON FARM BUREAU OFFICE.**