Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships

**The objective of the Livingston County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship program is to provide scholarships to high school and college students who plan to major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. Criteria includes: scholastic ability, service/activities of the applicant in school, church, community and financial need.  Exemplary community service may be recognized.**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship:** This scholarship is in memory of Ethel K. Hoerner. The LCFB Foundation was the recipient of a portion of the Ethel K. Hoerner Estate. Ethel gave this wonderful gift which will enable us to move towards our goals of providing agriculture scholarships to Livingston County continuing education students who are entering the 3rd semester or beyond. Scholarships awarded will be up to $2,000.

**Elite Scholarship**: One (1) Elite Scholarship is in recognition of exemplary volunteerism. A person may only win the Elite Scholarship once. You do not need to fill out an additional application for this scholarship.  The winner will be chosen from the pool of continuing education applicants entering 5th semester or beyond. This will be a $2,500 scholarship.

**Rosie Duffy Memorial Scholarship**: This scholarship is in memory of a long term friend of the LCFB Foundation. On behalf of the family wishes, this will be an annual scholarship as funding allows. (One (1) $1,000 scholarship will be awarded. The winner will be chosen from the pool of college applicants

*\*All Continuing Education Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship Applicants will be also be eligible for the Elite and the Rosie Duffy Memorial Scholarship awards.*

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must be a member or a dependent of a member in good standing with Livingston County Farm Bureau.
2. The applicant must be a resident or a dependent of a resident of Livingston County or a graduate of a high school in Livingston County and a United States citizen.
3. **Applicants must be majoring in agriculture and demonstrate a strong interest and intention of entering a career in agriculture.**
4. The applicant must be accepted for enrollment or enrolled at an accredited college or university as a student entering the third semester or beyond of college. *(LCFB Foundation Elite Scholarship – fifth semester or beyond.)*
5. Scholarships are **only** available to those students scheduled to be enrolled in an **undergraduate** program for the next school year, and are limited to no more than a total of 4 (four) LCFB/Hoerner or one (1) Elite Scholarships per individual.
6. Selection will be based on composite grade of academics, school involvement, church and community activities, community and industry service, financial need, and other pertinent factors.
7. Limit your comments to COLLEGE activities and accomplishments.
8. Applicants may only be awarded LCFB Foundation Elite Scholarship once.
9. **Qualified students must complete an application on-line no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023.**
10. The applicant’s character, reputation, and personal life, as evidenced by references, or by inquiry, will be of high quality, reflecting a high likelihood of success in their academic pursuits.
11. Applicants must submit the most current available transcript from your school.
12. Applicants must include with their application a minimum of two current letters of recommendation from individuals not related to the applicant.

Applications will be reviewed by the Farm Bureau Foundation Selection Committee which will make final selections.

**TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD:**

1. Scholarships checks awarded in the spring, will be mailed to the student upon completion of the fall semester and current transcripts have been received by Livingston County Farm Bureau at 901 W. Howard St., Pontiac, IL 61764 or emailed to livcfb@gmail.com. (Transcripts do not have to be official). If transcripts are not received by March 1st, 2024, the award will be forfeited.
2. In order to receive your award at the end of the first semester, applicants must maintain a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA.
3. There will be only 1 (one) reminder notice sent from the Livingston County Farm Bureau Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Livingston County Farm Bureau office (815) 842-1103.