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 3rd semester. This will be a $3,000 scholarship.

*\*All Continuing Education Ethel K. Hoerner Scholarship Applicants are eligible for the*

*Elite Scholarship.*

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/parents must be a resident of Livingston County, the student attended a Livingston County High School 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,

 university, community college or *ag-related trade school.*

1. Scholarships are **only** available to those students scheduled to be enrolled in an **undergraduate** program for the next school year, and are limited to one (1) Elite Scholarship and a total of 4 Hoerner scholarships per individual.
2. 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.
3. Limit your comments to COLLEGE activities and accomplishments.
4. Applicants may only be awarded LCFB Foundation Elite Scholarship once.
5. **Qualified students must complete an application on-line no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024.**
6. 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.
7. Applicants must submit the most current available transcript from your school.
8. Applicants must include with their application a minimum of two 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. **New this year for Scholarships awarded in the Spring 2024.** There will be 2 (two) mailings. Please send current 2024 fall semester transcripts (email or USPS) to Livingston County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 410, Pontiac, IL 61764 or email to livcfb@gmail.com. The first deadline is January 1, 2025 for the January 5th check mailing. (*Transcripts do not have to be official*). Any transcript received after the first deadline will be mailed March 1st. Transcripts must be received by March 1st or 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.