KIMBALL/BANNER COUNTY FARM BUREAU®

# Ag Scholarship Guidelines 2025

General scholarship information for Kimball/Banner Farm Bureau Board of Directors, school counselors, and senior students:

This scholarship, in the amount of $500.00, shall be awarded at the beginning of the second semester of your first year of college. **The scholarship money will go directly to the applicant.** Instructions on how to apply are included in the following guidelines. PLEASE read carefully.

Scholarships shall be awarded to high school seniors who meet the following requirements:

- Applicant shall reside in Kimball or Banner County.
- Applicant need not be a Farm Bureau member or from a Farm Bureau member family, but preference will be given to those who are.
- Applicant is planning to enroll in an accredited school of higher learning (two or four year college, university, or trade school).
- While not required, those pursuing an agriculture related field will be preferred:
  - (1) Come from a farm or ranch family. May live or work on a farm or ranch.
  - (2) An interest in agriculture. May be a major or minor in general agriculture classes, soil conservation, animal science, etc.
  - (3) A program to benefit the rural community. May include nursing, journalism, business, aviation, welding, mechanics, education, engineering, etc.
- Applicant should have participated in extra-curricular school and community activities.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - (1) from school faculty
  - (1) from the community
- An official transcript from your school of attendance including your current GPA.
- Deadline for returning the completed application forms shall be **no later than April 21, 2025 (if returning by mail, must be postmarked on or by April 21**).

There will be one $500.00 scholarship awarded to one Kimball County resident and one $500.00 scholarship awarded to one Banner County resident. If there are only applicants from one county, both scholarships will be awarded to those students.

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Name:_____

Home Address: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Student information: Please include answers to the following questions on additional pages.

1. School Activities; List all major school activities you have been involved in.
2. Community, church, etc. activities: List all community, church, or other organization activities you have been involved in.
3. Write a brief statement (150-200 words) explaining why agriculture is important to you and how it has impacted your life.
4. What accredited college, trade school, or university do you plan to attend?
5. What is your choice of major field of study?
6. If you are from a Farm Bureau Member Family, please provide member number.
7. Recent photo of self that will be used in the media if you're selected.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

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SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR SUPERINTENDENT

In the event I am chosen to receive a scholarship, Kimball/Banner County Farm Bureau - Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation has the authorization to use my name and photo for publicity.

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Applicant's Signature Date

The Kimball/Banner Farm Bureau Scholarship committee shall review the applications and determine the recipients. Notification of the scholarship recipients and certificates shall be sent to the students and to the schools following the selection process. The Scholarship Committee shall place a notice in the local newspaper, the Nebraska Farm Bureau News, and shall present the award to the school to be given during the school end of the year “Awards” event.

Completed applications may be returned via mail, email, or dropped off at the following address:

**Nebraska Farm Bureau Financial Services**
213 S Chestnut Street
Kimball, NE 69145-1219
*shavonne.singleton@fbfs.com*

Students shall receive the Kimball/Banner County Farm Bureau Agriculture Scholarship monies upon successful completion of one semester of advanced schooling and enrolled in the second semester of an accredited college or trade school. The student must provide the Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee the following documents following the completion of the first semester of schooling, if the scholarship is to be issued.

1. Please include your first semester grade transcript.
2. Please include proof of enrollment for the second semester.
3. Please include an address indicating where you wish the check to be sent.

Upon receiving the above information, a **check for $500.00 will be issued to the student** and sent to the address provided to be used for tuition, books, or where most needed.

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