

2017 MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION RICE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES - RICE COUNTY RESIDENTS -

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be completing their final term or have completed their final term of their senior year in high school
2. Applicants must have plans to attend or are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution (technical or trade schools, community colleges, state universities or private institutions).
3. The applicant's family must be a Minnesota Farmers Union member residing in RICE COUNTY.

APPLICATIONS

1. Applicants must complete the Farmers Union Scholarship Application, Essay and have **two** letters of reference returned to the Education Director at Minnesota Farmers Union, Attn: Glen Schmidt, Education Director, 305 Roselawn Ave, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55117 by the application deadline.
2. Application requests should be sent to the above address.
3. Applications must be completed by the youth to whom the scholarship will be awarded.
4. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications must be in the MFU office by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 14, 2017**.
5. Applications will not be returned to the applicant.
6. Minnesota Farmers Union reserves the right to print any portion of the winning applicant's scholarship essay in **Minnesota Agriculture**.
7. Applicants must have two people (non-family members) write letters of recommendation. The writer must mail his or her letter of recommendation to Minnesota Farmers Union, Attn: Education Department, 305 Roselawn Ave, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55117 before the application deadline.

SELECTION

1. A committee will review all eligible applications received by 5:00 p.m., **April 14, 2017**.
2. Priority will be given to those who have not received a scholarship in the past.
3. The committee will reach its decision by **Fall, 2017**.
4. The committee will consist of the President of Minnesota Farmers Union, the Education Director, and two Rice County Farmers Union members.

COMPENSATION

1. \$300 scholarship(s) will be given to Minnesota Farmers Union students..
2. The winner of the scholarship will be notified in writing and may be featured in **Minnesota Agriculture**.
3. The scholarship will be paid in full to the applicant's institution upon the following:
 - The youth maintains a grade point average at or above a 2.5 in high school or their first semester of higher education.
 - The youth provides proof of the above to the Education Director.
4. If the scholarship winner is unable to maintain a grade point average at or above a 2.5, an alternative plan of compensation will be negotiated between the student and the Education Director.

MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION RICE COUNTY LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete and send to the Minnesota Farmers Union, Attn: Glen Schmidt, Education Director, 305 Roselawn Ave, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55117 by **April 14, 2017**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: (____) _____ Principal: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

FUTURE PLANS

School that you plan to attend: _____
(If unsure list choices)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Intended Major (s) Minor (s) _____

Personal Address – if known: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of the end of the 1st term: ____/____/____

HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Favorite Courses: _____

INTERESTS

Extra-Curricular (non-athletic) activities and number of years involved: _____

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Honors and Awards: _____

Hobbies, skills and interests: _____

Volunteer activities: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Did you have a part-time paid job during high school: _____ Yes _____ No

Job (s), dates of employment and description of duties: _____

FARMERS UNION INVOLVEMENT

Are you or your family a current member of the Minnesota Farmers Union? _____ Yes _____ No

How many years has your family been members of Minnesota Farmers Union? _____

Minnesota Farmers Union membership number _____

Were you involved in any Minnesota Farmers Union youth activities? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list:

REFERENCES

Please include the names, addresses and phone numbers of two (2) people whom you have chosen to write letters of recommendation for you. The reference should be from non-family members. The people writing the references must send their recommendations to the Minnesota Farmers Union, Attn: Education Department, 305 Roselawn Ave, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55117 by **April 14, 2017**.

1. _____
Name City State Zip

2. _____
Name City State Zip

The applicant is responsible for the validity of all of the information in this application. Please sign below to certify that all written is the truth to the best of your knowledge.

Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

On another sheet of paper answer the following question. The answer should be at least two pages, typed and double-spaced.

Please explain why you chose your course of study and how you will use your education upon graduation. In addition, please explain any impact from being raised in your community and being part of Minnesota Farmers Union that has influenced your decision making.