

High Plains Farm Credit Scholarship Process and Application Guidelines

Scholarship Awards

Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships

Scholarships are renewable for 1 year with the stipulations of a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and the student is properly enrolled in the next term or session.

Award Selection Process

The scholarship committee will review applications and select without bias the most qualified and deserving scholarship applicant. Although a minimum grade point average has been established as criteria, the higher GPA will not be the primary determining factor in the selection process. The applicant's leadership and extracurricular involvement will be carefully considered and weighted heavily in the selection process.

Application

The application must include the following items to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Essay addressing the following questions (300 to 500 words):
 - a. What is your intended career choice?
 - b. Who or what in your life has influenced you most with regard to your career choice?
 - c. What are your career goals?
3. Two letters of recommendation. These letters should address their knowledge of your character, leadership responsibilities fulfilled, academic/athletic accomplishments and community involvement.
4. College transcript or school officials' verification.

Eligibility

Student or their parent (guardian) must be a stockholder of High Plains Farm Credit. The student must be completing the last half of their degree or certification program and be properly enrolled in the next term or session to receive funds. (For example, each student will have completed one year of studies at a four-year college or university, one year at a junior college or the first half of a vocational or trade school certification program and be properly enrolled in the next term or session.) The student should exhibit leadership potential, initiative and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. In all other respects, these funds shall be awarded without restriction to sex, race, color, handicap, religion or national origin.

Deadline

5:00 p.m., April 12, 2019

Completed applications must be received at the business office in Hays, Kansas, on or before 5:00 p.m., April 12, 2019. Applications sent via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Please mail completed applications to:

High Plains Farm Credit, ACA
Attn: Shannon Schmidt
P.O. Box 836
Hays, KS 67601

Scholarship On-line

Scholarship information is available on-line at www.highplainsfarmcredit.com

For scholarship questions, please contact Shannon Schmidt toll free at 800.369.9625





High Plains Farm Credit

2019-2020 Academic Year Scholarship Application

1. Type or print in black or blue ink. The narrative information requested may be provided as separate and labeled pages submitted with the application.
2. Only complete applications can be considered. Submissions cannot be returned to applicants.
3. The form must be completed and submitted by the applicant. Only applicants meeting eligibility criteria can be considered.
4. All application documents must be mailed in one package to: High Plains Farm Credit Scholarship, Attention: Shannon Schmidt, PO Box 836, Hays, KS 67601. Applications returned electronically or via fax will not be considered. Applications for the 2019-2020 year must be received by 5:00 p.m. April 12, 2019.

Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Applicant is: Dependent of Borrower Borrower

If applicant is dependent of High Plains Credit borrower, list name(s) of borrower(s),

Borrower's Phone Number: _____ Relationship to Borrower: _____

Borrower's address, if different from above: _____

Office where borrower does business: _____

Applicant's email address: _____

College/Trade School applicant currently attends:

College/Trade School applicant will be attending in 2019-2020 academic year:

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Major and Minor or Emphasis: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Number of hours planned for Fall 2019 _____ Number of hours planned for Spring 2020 _____

- 1. List college/university/trade school, post-high school and community activities in which you have participated while in school. Identify leadership responsibilities fulfilled.**
- 2. List honors, special recognitions and academic achievements you have received in college/trade school.**
- 3. List and describe your work experience, job responsibilities and internships while in college/trade school. Address the value of these experiences to achieving your goals.**

Name of High School attended: _____

City and state of High School: _____

Year of graduation: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____

- 1. List activities, honors, community involvement and achievements during high school. Identify leadership responsibilities fulfilled.**

Provide an essay addressing the following questions (300 to 500 words):

- What is your intended career choice?
- Who or what in your life has influenced you most with regard to your career choice?
- What are your career goals?

Provide two letters of reference from individuals who are not family members. These letters should address their knowledge of your character, leadership responsibilities fulfilled, academic/athletic accomplishments and community involvement. Submit these letters with your completed scholarship application form.

Enrollment status Fall semester 2019: _____

Fall semester 2019 classification: : Sophomore Junior Senior final semester vocational college

Verification of information above must be supported with copy of current transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable) or with school official's verification:

Signature or School Official: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Name of College/University/Trade School: _____

City, State: _____

All of the information provided with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the qualifications and certify that I would be eligible to receive this scholarship according to the guidelines. I give permission to the school and High Plains Farm Credit to use information provided in this application in any subsequent communications related to this scholarship program. Use may include publishing information in Farm Credit publications, advertisements, newsletters, Farm Credit System websites including the www.highplainsfarmcredit.com website, or inclusion in publications such as newspapers, including the applicant's photograph, likeness and name.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____