

# *High Plains Farm Credit Scholarship Process and Application Guidelines*

## Scholarship Awards

Up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships

Scholarships are renewable for 1 year with the stipulations of a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and the student is properly enrolled as a full-time student 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. Scholarship recipients will receive a confirmation letter with directions on claiming the scholarship. Scholarships amount of \$1,000 will be sent as a one-time payment directly to the financial aid office of the recipient's school.

## 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 or High School transcript or school officials' verification.

## Eligibility

Student or their parent (guardian) or grandparent must be a stockholder of High Plains Farm Credit. The student should exhibit leadership potential, initiative and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and enrolled as a full-time student. In all other respects, these funds shall be awarded without restriction to sex, race, color, handicap, religion or national origin. Dependents of Employees' or Directors' are not eligible.

## Deadline

**5:00 p.m., March 15, 2024**

Completed applications must be received at the business office in Hays, Kansas, on or before 5:00 p.m., March 15, 2024. 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](http://www.HighPlainsFarmCredit.com)

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

