

**The Oregon Farm Bureau Associate Member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY
Financial**

through the

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Oregon Farm Bureau Associate Member scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial is available to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent). A student is considered a full time student at an institution if they are enrolled at one institution or two. (If enrolled in a “*dual enrollment program*.”) Students must have the intent to seek a bachelor’s degree. It is possible to reapply for the scholarship annually for up to three years after initial award; however a new application must be completed. The applicant must be an Oregon resident, but doesn’t have to attend school in Oregon. They must also be an associate member or a dependent child of an associate member (**non-voting/non-farming**) of Oregon Farm Bureau. Employees of Oregon Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial and their immediate families are not eligible for this scholarship. Scholarship awards are awarded for a standard school year, and cannot be carried over into another school year, including summer term. The goal of this scholarship is to help future community and business leaders obtain a baccalaureate education with the aim of strengthening understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect among rural, urban, and suburban Oregonians.

INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICANTS WHO ARE PART OF FARMING FAMILIES (*VOTING MEMBERS OF OFBF*), ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. If you are part of a farming family (voting member), and plan to major in a field of agriculture, you should apply for an OFB Memorial Scholarship.

It is important to follow the directions outlined in the *Scholarship Application and Procedure* that serves as a cover letter for this application form. **Please complete this form in FULL. Incomplete applications are considered ineligible.** (Examples: If an attachment is used to complete an item, be sure to write, *see attachment*, and then correctly label your attachment with the appropriate item number, your name AND follow the same format used in the Scholarship Application. **Do not leave any item blank.**)

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Name _____

1. Name

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|-------|--------|------|
| First | Middle | Last |
|-------|--------|------|

2. Permanent Mailing Address _____

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|-----------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| Street/PO Box # | City | | |
| _____ | | | |
| County | State | Zip | Telephone |

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

(Both email and cell phone contacts are helpful as student are mobile and often change addresses when at school)

3 Applicant will apply to enter, or is currently enrolled in what college or institution of higher education in the *fall*? _____

4. For the academic year beginning _____

5. Major Course of Study _____

6. Please list high schools, junior colleges and colleges you have attended. Include dates of attendance and graduation. Do not include single courses or class studies, e.g. night school.

| SCHOOLS | DATES |
|---------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
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BE CERTAIN YOUR TRANSCRIPTS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION.
Transcripts are required of your *high school years and all college transcripts to date and must be submitted with your other application materials.*

7. Applicant's overall GPA from high school____; Jr. College____; 4-Year College_____.

8. What will be your academic level for the coming school year, **2012-2013**?

Freshman (); Sophomore (); Junior (); Senior (); or Graduate ()

9. List school activities, citizenship and scholastic recognition, awards, and honors.
(Please organize this by year)

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10. List involvement in community activities and service. (Please indicate the approximate number of **annual** hours spent per activity & **organize by year**.)

11. Describe your top three leadership experiences.

12. (A) List your work experience. (B) Describe your job responsibilities and activities.

13. How, or from whom, did you find out about this scholarship?

14. Have you received the Oregon Farm Bureau Associate Member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial previously? If so, please indicate which year.

15. **CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** (A) **Applicant** must submit **TWO** letters of recommendation, giving information about his/her character, leadership ability, and community service. One of the two letters must be from a school teacher or official, and the other from a non-family, non-school person. The letters must be received with the application, and may be sealed for confidentiality by the letters' author if they so desire.

(B) Please provide the names and occupations of the individuals who will be supplying the confidential letters of recommendation that are included with your application.

16. In your own handwriting, write a brief essay (not to exceed 500 words in length), responding to the subject, "Why is family agriculture an important part of Oregon's future?"

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17. Applicant certifies that the information provided in this application form is true. Applicant agrees that if applicant is selected for a scholarship, applicant will attend the institution listed above and will pursue the major course of study listed in the application for the duration of the academic year.

Applicant understands and agrees that failure to comply with the above may render applicant ineligible for the scholarship granted and applicant may be required to return any remaining unused portions of the scholarship award to the OAEF.

It is understood that submission of this completed application gives permission to the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) and the Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship Project to utilize your name and/or picture for promotional purposes to further the mission of OAEF.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Applicant
Signature _____

For additional information contact:

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Through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

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The Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship Screening Committee reserves the right to make decisions and award scholarships based on the clarity and completeness of applications. The Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to make final awards with regard to goals, intent, and purpose of the scholarships in its best judgment concerning the final candidates.

Because of the potential volume of applications, we cannot respond to queries regarding the status of specific applications. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all materials requested are sent in one envelope and on time to meet the stated deadline of **March 15, 2012**.

Please provide the following OFB Associate Membership Information:

Member Name(s): _____ Membership Number: _____