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### **Scholarships available through the Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education**

The Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education is pleased to announce that applications are available for two scholarship programs for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year.

Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarships (OFBMS) with 10-12 awards annually are available to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent, must be an Oregon high school graduate **or** an Oregon home school graduate with a full year, 24 semester or 36 quarter hours, of completed college coursework documented by a transcript and proof of parents Oregon residency (to consist of three consecutive land-based utility (power, sewer, water, or landline phone) bills within the last 6 months.) Students must be attending a school with an Agricultural related program, be enrolled in that program, and be majoring in a field of Agriculture and/or Forestry. Students attending institutions outside of Oregon are also eligible. The goal of the OFB Memorial Scholarship program is to “*Support students that will have a positive impact on production agriculture and other agriculture-related fields*”. The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2016**.

The Oregon Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Insured, Associate Member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial, 1 Award @ \$1000 is available to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent, must be an Oregon high school graduate **or** an Oregon home school graduate with a full year, 24 semester or 36 quarter hours, of completed college coursework documented by a transcript and proof of parents Oregon residency (to consist of three consecutive land-based utility (power, sewer, water, or landline phone) bills within the last 6 months.) with an \*associate membership (**non-farming/non-voting**), (or a dependent child of an associate member), in Oregon Farm Bureau preparing to continue his/her education through a junior college, or a four year college or university with intent to seek a bachelor’s degree. Students attending institutions outside of Oregon are also eligible. Employees of Oregon Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial and their immediate families are not eligible for this scholarship. The goal of the Oregon Farm Bureau Associate member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial 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.*” The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2016**.

*\*Associate membership must be current and at least 6 months old to be eligible to apply, & student or students’ parents must be insured by COUNTRY Financial.*

Scholarship procedures & applications and additional information are available on the Oregon Farm Bureau website. [www.oregonfb.org/scholarships](http://www.oregonfb.org/scholarships).

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About the Foundation: *The Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization formed to support, provide, and encourage education, training, and study in the field of agriculture. This foundation offers educational opportunities and research in subjects that relate to or benefit Oregon agriculture and farmers, such as the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program, the Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship Program, and the Summer Ag Institute.*

About Oregon Farm Bureau: *Oregon Farm Bureau is Oregon's largest agricultural advocacy organization. Founded as a statewide, voluntary membership organization in 1932 and with county roots dating to 1919, Oregon Farm Bureau today represents almost 9,000 Oregon farm and ranch families.*