

## 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

### HCFB Farm Bureau Foundation Agricultural Scholarships

- Up to 8 scholarships, \$1,500 minimum
- Bonus points will be given to applicants that are a Henry County Farm Bureau (Illinois) VOTING member or dependent of a voting member.
- Applicants may be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled at an accredited College or Technical School as an undergraduate student. Students must be enrolled in an Agriculture curriculum.
- Criteria for selection will be achievements in agriculture activities; leadership in school, community and work experience; and scholastic achievements.

### Wilbert & Carol Keppy Foundation Scholarships

- 3 scholarships available in the amount of \$5,000 each
- Applicants may be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled at an accredited College or Technical School as an undergraduate student. Applicant can be majoring in any field, does not have to be Ag related.
- Applicants must be from a farm family currently engaged in production agriculture.
- Bonus points will be given to applicants that are a Henry County Farm Bureau (Illinois) VOTING member or dependent of a voting member.
- Financial need will be a strong consideration. (*Information will be kept confidential.*) Selected applicants may be asked to provide tax forms for verification of financial information.
- Criteria for selection will be financial need; achievements in agriculture activities; leadership in school, community and work experience; and scholastic achievement.

### Kevin & Karen Urick Farm Bureau Legacy Scholarship

- 1 scholarship available in the amount of \$1,000

- Applicants may be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled at an accredited College or Technical School as an undergraduate student. Applicant can be majoring in any field, does not have to be Ag related.
- Bonus points will be given to applicants that are a multi-generational Henry County Farm Bureau® (Illinois) VOTING member or dependent of a voting member.
- Applicants must be a dependent from a farm family currently engaged in production agriculture.

### Glenn & Betty DeSmith Memorial Scholarships

- 3 scholarships available in the amount of \$5,000 each
- Applicants may be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled at an accredited College or Technical School as an undergraduate student. Applicant can be majoring in any field, does not have to be Ag related
- Bonus points will be given to applicants that are a Henry County Farm Bureau (Illinois) VOTING member or dependent of a voting member.
- Preference given to students that raise or exhibit livestock.
- Criteria for selection will be involvement in the livestock industry and family farm; achievements in agriculture activities; leadership in school, community and work experience; and scholastic achievement.

### James Ufkin Memorial Scholarship

- 1 scholarship available in the amount of \$1,000
- Bonus points will be given to applicants that are a Henry County Farm Bureau (Illinois) VOTING member or dependent of a voting member.
- Applicants may be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled at an accredited College or Technical School as an undergraduate student. Students must be enrolled in an Agriculture curriculum.

### Requirement for all applications

- High school and current college (if applicable) transcripts and ONE current (dated within one year) letter of recommendation must accompany the application or be received by the deadline.
- Applications must be typed.
- **Applications must be received or postmarked by March 7, 2025 to the Henry County Farm Bureau, 128 N. Prospect Street, Cambridge, IL 61238.** Applications are available at [www.henrycofarmbureau.org](http://www.henrycofarmbureau.org) or email [manager@henrycofarmbureau.org](mailto:manager@henrycofarmbureau.org) to obtain the scholarship application.
- One half the amount will be credited the first semester and one half the second semester.
- Applicants may apply for all scholarships, if eligible, but may win only one scholarship per year. (*Excluding the Urick FB Legacy Scholarship*) Students are eligible to receive a maximum of two scholarships from FB Foundation, Keppy Foundation, DeSmith Memorial, Ufkin Memorial.
- Personal interviews of the finalists may be requested by the Foundation for a final selection.
- Names of applicants will be removed from the materials prior to evaluation by the selection committee.
- Any portion of the scholarship that is not used for any reason will be returned to the Foundation.

# Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Application

**Deadline: March 7, 2025**

**Scholarship(s) you are applying for:** (Those who meet eligibility requirement may apply for all scholarships on the same application) *See cover letter for eligibility requirements.*

**\*\*Read the Eligibility for each Scholarship carefully. You may select as many scholarships listed below as you wish to be considered for, though you can only win one award each year. The HCFB Foundation considers you for the highest award amount you are eligible for first.**

**Carefully note the requirements of each scholarship before making your selections.**

HCFB Foundation Agricultural

Wilbert & Carol Keppy Foundation

Kevin & Karen Urick Farm Bureau Legacy

Glenn & Betty DeSmith Memorial Scholarship

James Ufkin Memorial Scholarship

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Home County of Residence:

Phone:

Email:

Parents/Guardians:

Are you a Henry County Farm Bureau member?

Yes

No

Farm Bureau Membership Number:

Grandparents Names *(if applicable for Urick Scholarship):*

Grandparents Farm Bureau Membership Number *(if applicable):*

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HCFB Foundation Agricultural

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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High School:

High School Graduation Date:

High School GPA:

Class Rank:

Prospective or Current College Major:

Prospective College or College Attending:

If College Student, Grade Level Entering in Fall 2025 Semester:

If College Student, Current GPA:

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**1. List involvement in high school, college and community activities and organizations from the past four years:**  
*(include offices held, committee assignments and length of membership or participation)*

**2. List academic honors and awards received from the past four years:**

**3. Indicate full or part-time work experience you have had to date in the past four years:**  
*(Include Employers Name, Job Description/Duties, Dates of Employment)*

**4. How have you prepared yourself for your chosen career field?**

5. **Do your parents' (or legal guardians) farm?**      Yes      No  
(See cover page concerning eligibility for the Keppy Foundation scholarship)

**a. If yes, describe the farming operation.**

**b. If yes, describe your duties on the farm.**

6. **Do you raise livestock or are you involved in exhibiting livestock?**      Yes      No  
(See cover page concerning eligibility for the DeSmith Memorial scholarship)

**a. If yes, describe the livestock operation.**

**b. If yes, describe your duties and/or involvement with the livestock.**

**7. How has Farm Bureau impacted your family?**

*(See cover page concerning eligibility for the Urick Farm Bureau Legacy Scholarship)*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**8. Explain your financial need. How will this scholarship help you to fund your college education and attend your chosen school?** (See cover page concerning eligibility for the Keppy Foundation Scholarship)

**9. If you have filed a FAFSA for the 2025-26 academic year, what is your Student Aid Index (SAI)?**  
(See cover page concerning eligibility for the Keppy Foundation Scholarship)

**10. Estimate the percent of your education expenses that will be paid for by:**

% Loans/Financial Aid:

% Student Income/Savings:

% Parents/Guardians/Family:

% Scholarships:

% Other:

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

**Please list below the person whom you will request to complete a recommendation letter in support of your application.** Letters are accepted from current/former teachers, school officials, employers or other persons not related to you.

Letter of recommendation must be **current** (dated within one year) at the time of application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the letter of recommendation is received by the deadline date. It is advisable to mail these recommendations with this application.

Name:

Title:

Address:

## STATEMENT

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand this application will not be considered for review unless it is typed, signed and dated. I also understand that the application will not be complete until a letter of recommendation and transcript(s) are received no later than March 7, 2025. It is also my understanding that **NO MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED.**

This statement will serve as notice that if the student withdraws or drops out of school the moneys from the Foundation will be payable back to the Foundation.

Signature:

Date:

By typing my name, I am electronically signing this application

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