

## **Crops for College Scholarship Guidelines**

### **MARSHALL-PUTNAM FARM BUREAU®**

The Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau® Young Leaders has elected to provide a collegiate scholarship for members or dependents of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau®. The amount will be for \$750.00 for one year. The scholarship is intended to help defray tuition, room and board fees, books, and other necessary expenses experienced by college students. This scholarship will be granted only to those students that are pursuing a career in an agricultural field. Major areas of instruction in secondary agricultural education include: Agricultural Business, Agricultural Mechanics & Technology, Horticulture, Agricultural Sciences and Environmental/Natural Sciences.

1. Applicants must meet all of the following requirements: (a) the applicant must have been a resident of Marshall or Putnam counties for the full 2 years immediately prior to the date of high school graduation, (b) the parent/s or legal guardian/s whom have legal custody of the applicant and claim the applicant as a dependent must have been a resident of Marshall or Putnam counties for a full 2 years immediately prior to the date of the applicant's high school graduation, (c) the parent/s or legal guardian/s whom have legal custody of the applicant and claim the applicant as a dependent must have been a member of the Farm Bureau® somewhere in the State of Illinois for at least 4 years immediately prior to the date of the applicant's high school graduation and for the final 2 years of this 4 year period must be a member in good standing of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau®.

2. To maintain the scholarship a student must enroll in and complete at least 12 hours of college work per semester, or 12 quarter hours per quarter and maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or 3.0 or above on a 5.0 scale each individual semester or quarter. Failure to maintain these guidelines each semester or quarter will require that the recipient relinquish the scholarship. Each scholarship can be used for up to 2 consecutive semesters or 3 consecutive quarters, at which time that particular scholarship will terminate.

The scholarship committee reserves the right to waive the rules regarding consecutive attendance, minimum class load, or grade point average in cases of sickness or accident to the recipient or his immediate family, or other special extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control as approved by the committee. Explanation of any such special extenuating circumstances must be provided to the Scholarship Committee in writing.

3. Payment of the scholarship funds will be made at the beginning of each semester or quarter after the student has presented evidence to the chairman of the Scholarship Committee that he has (a) enrolled for at least 12 semester hours in an agricultural field of

study (b) submitted a copy of his grades for the previous semester, (does not apply to first semester). If a student fails to attend school for at least 9 weeks, he will be obligated to refund the amount awarded him at the beginning of the semester or quarter.

4. Application must be made by February 20th of the student's senior year.
5. Scholarship payments will not be made for summer sessions and grades during the summer session will not be counted in meeting requirement of a C average per semester or quarter.
6. Once a scholarship is awarded, the recipient is entitled to use said scholarship for its entirety subject to these guidelines. Once a scholarship is relinquished, the recipient is no longer entitled to reapply.
7. The scholarship may be used at any school or institution on the approved list of schools as published by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, or an equivalent out-of-state school as listed by the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.
8. This scholarship may be used in addition to any other scholarships, grants, loans, or other types of financial aid the student may receive.
9. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make judgments on cases not covered in the above guidelines.

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