

"Advance in Ag" Scholarship Guidelines

MARSHALL-PUTNAM FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION

The Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Foundation provides a TBD # of \$1,500 scholarships for **high school seniors who are continuing their education in an agriculture-related field. Applicants do not need to be members of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau.** These scholarships are intended to help defray tuition, fees, books and other necessary expenses. These scholarships may be used in addition to any other financial assistance the student may receive. Applicants, if eligible, can also apply for the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Eligibility

To apply for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- be a graduating high school senior.
- have been a resident of Marshall or Putnam County for the full 2 years immediately prior to the date of high school graduation.
- be enrolled in a college or a technical/trade school.
- **be pursuing a career in an agricultural field or a field useful to agriculture, such as, but not limited to, electrician, welder, diesel mechanic, etc.**

How to Apply

Online Application: www.mpfarmbureau.org/scholarships. The application must be completed in its entirety by the deadline date of **March 15th of the student's senior year.**

Selection of Recipients

- Criteria include interest in agriculture, application responses and potential for successful completion of course of study.

Scholarship Conditions

If awarded a scholarship, a recipient must:

- provide proof of enrollment in a college or a technical/trade school.
- use scholarship subject to these guidelines.

Payment of Scholarship and Coverage

- Payment of **\$1,500** will be made after proof of enrollment in a college or a technical/trade school has been received by the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau office.
- Scholarships cannot be used for summer sessions.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make judgements on cases not covered in the above guidelines.

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All questions must be answered. Please submit the completed application no later than March 15, 2026. The application cannot be saved so it must be completed in one sitting. NOTE: Responses must be of your own composition. Applicants found to have used third-party drafting aids will have their applications disqualified.

1. Last Name
2. First Name
3. Middle Name
4. Address of Applicant
5. Phone Number
6. Email Address (non-school related)
7. Date of Birth
8. Names of Parents or Guardians
9. Address of Parents or Guardians
10. From what date (month and year) have you been a resident of Marshall or Putnam County?
11. What is the anticipated date of your high school graduation?
12. Name of your high school.
13. Describe any school and community activities in which you have participated, highlighting any leadership roles you have assumed. Additionally, outline any employment positions you have held, whether farm or non-farm related.
14. What college or technical/trade school do you plan on attending next year?
15. What area of agriculture do you plan to study and why?
16. Why are you seeking an agricultural scholarship?
17. In 250 words or less, what would you do if given the opportunity to give back to agriculture in your hometown area?
18. In 250 words or less, what do you believe are the biggest challenges that the agriculture industry faces?
19. In 250 words or less, where do you see yourself in five years?
20. Please answer yes or no:
I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information given on this application is accurate; that I have read and understand the "Scholarship Guidelines"; and that I agree to abide by these guidelines and the decision of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Foundation. I further understand that prior to receiving my scholarship funds, I must first submit evidence to the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau office that I have enrolled in a college or a technical/trade school.
21. Please attach your transcript that includes the most recent completed semester.
22. Please attach a recent photograph that will be used should you be selected as a recipient.