

MARSHALL-PUTNAM FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Foundation provides a \$2,000 scholarship for **high school seniors who are continuing their education and are either members of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau or a dependent of a member. Applicants can be pursuing further education in any field.** The scholarship is intended to help defray tuition, fees, books and other necessary expenses. This scholarship may be used in addition to any other financial assistance the student may receive. Applicants, if eligible, can also apply for the Advance in Ag Scholarship, also given by the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Foundation.

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 a member, or a dependent of a member, of the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau that has been in good standing for 2 years prior to the applicant's high school graduation.
- be enrolled in a college or technical/trade school.

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 Recipient

- Criteria include academic performance, application responses and involvement in non-school/community activities.

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 **\$2,000** 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.
- Scholarship 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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Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Scholarship Application

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. Have you been a resident of Marshall or Putnam County for a minimum of two years?
11. Have you or your parent/guardian been a member of Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau in good standing for a minimum of two years?
12. What is the anticipated date of your high school graduation?
13. Name of your high school.
14. 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.
15. Where do you plan to continue your education after high school?
16. In 250 words or less, tell us what you have selected to study after high school and why you chose it.
17. In 250 words or less, what is the biggest challenge new grads will face entering this career field?
18. 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 technical/trade school.
19. Please attach your transcript that includes the most recent completed semester.
20. Please attach a recent photograph that will be used should you be selected as a recipient.