**Scholarship Application**

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| **Name:** | | First | | | | | | Last | | |
| **Address:** | Street | | | | | City | | | State | Zip |
| **Cell Phone:** | |  | | | **Email Address:** | |  | | | |
| **Farm Bureau Membership No:** | | | |  | | | | | | |
| *To apply students must be a member. If parents are members that membership can be used.*  *To purchase a membership for $50 contact us at GeneseeCounty@ctyfb.com.* | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Name of College:** | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **College Address:** | | | Street | | | City | | | State | Zip |
| *Financial aid/cashier office address* | | | | | | | | | | |

**Genesee County Farm Bureau awards two scholarships annually:**

**$1,500 Thomas Jennings Memorial Scholarship**

*Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA for this scholarship.*

**$1,000 Farm Bureau Scholarships**

*Applicants must have a 2.0 or higher GPA for this scholarship.*

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| **Current Grade Point Average:** |  |
| *Remember to attach a copy of your transcripts.* | |

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| **Provide a brief description of your academic major:** |
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| **Applicant’s Signature:** | |  |
| **Date:** |  | |

1. **Attach your responses to the two essay questions on the next page.**
2. **Attach a copy of your most current school transcripts reflecting your GPA.**
3. **Please return by mail to Genesee County Farm Bureau, PO Box 379, Swartz Creek MI 48473 or email it to GeneseeCounty@ctyfb.com. Scholarship awards are determined by a committee and will be announced in August. If selected to receive a scholarship funds are dispersed to the school in September.**
4. **Scholarship Applications and essays must be received by April 1, 2024.**

## Scholarship Essay Questions

## Please submit essay responses for both topics below. Students are encouraged to write a well-developed, research-based essay. Although there is no maximum length stipulation, essay responses are a key component in the award determination after application and GPA requirements are met.

1. Working with elected officials, in all levels of government, is critical to advancing public policy that supports farmers and ranchers. How can Farm Bureau help elected leaders better understand the challenges of the agriculture sector and the importance of supporting the financial viability of America’s family farms and ranches?
2. What is sustainable agriculture and how can Farm Bureau help farmers and ranchers access market-based solutions that advance sustainability goals without restricting their ability to stock America’s pantries, help feed a growing population and maintain farm profitability?