

FARMERS
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OF WESTERN
ILLINOIS

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Aledo – Alexis – Alpha – New Windsor – Viola - Woodhull

About The Scholarships

Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois (FSBWIL) will be awarding four (4) \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from the following high schools:

- Mercer County High School, Aledo, IL
- United High School, Monmouth, IL
- AlWood High School, Woodhull, IL
- Sherrard High School, Sherrard, IL

Farmers State Bank will award one (1) \$2,000 scholarship to each of these high schools for a graduating senior that plans to continue his/her education through an accredited program at a 4-year college, 2-year college, trade school or vocational school. Applications will be reviewed and the winner selected by a Farmers State Bank scholarship committee.

How to Apply

Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois will have copies of the application with the 4 participating high school guidance counselors. Copies are also available at any of our six locations which are located in Alpha, Aledo, Alexis, New Windsor, Viola, and Woodhull. Applications can be turned into the high school guidance office or any FSB office on or before March 15, 2024. No late applications will be accepted.

Who is Eligible?

The applicant must be a graduating senior that is attending one of the four high schools listed above. The applicant must be planning on attending an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S.

How Are Recipients Selected?

FSBWIL scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate academic excellence, community and school involvement and show good character. Completed applications will be reviewed by the application committee from Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois, with the winners being notified at a later date.

Scholarship Procedures

All applications must be turned in by March 15, 2024; no late applications will be accepted. Household members of Farmer State Bank of Western Illinois employees or directors are ineligible to apply for the scholarships. **Scholarship winners must submit a copy of the tuition bill by October 1, 2024 to receive the \$2,000.** If a copy of the bill is not received by October 1, 2024, the money will not be paid. The \$2,000 scholarship will be paid directly to the school the winner is attending. The scholarship recipient must notify the schools financial aid office of the scholarship, and once verification of school attendance is received by Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois, the funds will be mailed to the school. It is the recipients' responsibility to monitor their school account to make sure the funds were received.

Student Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ School District: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of other dependent children: _____

Number of other family members currently in college and year: _____

Education Information

Must submit your high school transcript

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Name of accredited school you are planning on attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2 Year College

4 Year College/University

Vocational / Technical School

School Activities Information

Please list all school activities in which you have participated in. Also list any awards or honors that you have received. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Name & Description	Special Awards, Honors	Years Participated	Offices Held

Community Activities Information

Please list all community activities in which you have participated in. Also list any awards or honors that you have received. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Name & Description	Awards/Honors	Years Participated	Advisor

Employment Information

List all jobs that you have previously held and currently hold. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary

Employer	Supervisor	Responsibilities	Employment Dates	Hours Per Week

Financial Information

Total family income for the most recent calendar year:

- Under \$30,000 \$30,001 - \$50,000 \$50,001 - \$70,000 Greater than \$70,000

Essay

Please attach a written essay that does not exceed 500 words that includes the following:

1. Tell us about a contribution you've made in your community.

OR

2. Who has been your biggest influence?

Letters of Recommendations

Your application must include two written references from persons not related to you. One letter from a School Administrator and the second letter must be from someone outside of the school. This could be an organization representative, community service chairman, or employer. The letters must be attached to this application when it is turned in. Please list the references below along with their occupation.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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Application Checklist

- Completed Application Essay High School Transcripts 2 Letters of Recommendation

Signature

I, the applicant, certify that the information provided in the application, is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date