



Dorchester County Farm Bureau

Laura Layton Educational Scholarship

The Scholarship Award:

- Scholarships are available to students pursuing education in agriculture, natural resources, environmental science, agricultural technology, agricultural business, skilled trades, or other career fields that directly support and strengthen agriculture. Eligibility will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of the DCFB and approved by the Board of Directors.
- The amount of the scholarship is up to \$1,000.00 for a full-time student.
- Although scholarships are for one year, students are encouraged to apply for subsequent years.
- The Scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution.
- At the discretion of the committee, scholarships may be available for post-graduate degrees.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Preference may be given to applicants or parents who are current full members of Maryland Farm Bureau. Student memberships are not acceptable. Membership can be acquired through MDFB at www.mdfarmbureau.com
- Must be a graduating high school senior or college student.
- Must plan to attend community college, four-year college, or a trade school.
- Must be registered in a curriculum related to agriculture. See attached Career Pathways Guide for examples of qualifying fields of study.

Scholarship Candidates Must Submit:

- Typed scholarship application completed by the deadline given.
- High school or college transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation – at least one from a teacher with knowledge of the students' academic background.
- The applicant must submit an essay answering the essay question, typed and under the guidelines highlighted below.
- A printout of the course requirements for the degree you have chosen or include the web link on the application.
- Applicant must provide a current photo (Example: A senior picture)

We are interested in learning about your goals, your passion for your chosen career, and how you hope to make a positive impact on agriculture and your community.

Essay Question:

How do you envision your personal, specific role in advancing the future of agriculture through your chosen career path?

*The essay should be typed using 12-point font size, Times New Roman, double spaced, with 1-inch margins, minimum 500 words, and not exceed three pages.

Dorchester County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application

Deadline April 15, 2027

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Farm Bureau Membership #: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

High School(s) Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ High School GPA: _____

Name of College or Trade School: _____

College or Trade School Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Student ID #: _____ Year in College: _____ Current GPA: _____

Major(s) and Minor(s): _____

The following items can be listed on a separate page if needed.
School Activities/Honors/Awards:

Community Activities:

Ready to apply?

Before You Submit ✓

Please make sure your application packet includes all of the following:

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application
- ☐ Official High School or College Transcript
- ☐ Essay (500 words minimum)
- ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Degree Requirements or Curriculum Information
- ☐ Current Photograph (Senior photo or similar)

Application Must Be Received By April 15, 2027

Questions?

For further information, please contact the DCFB Secretary at:

Dorchesterfb@gmail.com

Direct completed applications to Dorchester County Farm Bureau, Attn: Scholarship Committee,
P.O. Box 1293, Cambridge, MD 21613

OR

Completed Applications and all supporting documents may be scanned as a PDF file and emailed to the
Dorchester County Farm Bureau Secretary, Lisa Dwyer at Dorchesterfb@gmail.com.

Please be aware that pictures provided by applicants will be used to recognize the scholarship winners at
future Dorchester County Farm Bureau events, in newsletters and on the Dorchester County Farm Bureau
Facebook Page. By sending in your completed application you are agreeing to these terms.

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my
knowledge. I understand that by submitting this application, I agree to the photo and publicity statement
above.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____