



2023 DUANE WATSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Southwest Georgia Farm Credit is proud to serve farmers, farm businesses and people who live and work in the small towns and communities in southwest Georgia. Agriculture is a way of life here, and for over 100 years, Farm Credit has played an important role in providing a safe, sound, reliable source of credit to rural America.

To help ensure a bright future for rural communities, as well as the agricultural industry, Southwest Georgia Farm Credit presents a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to honor the memory of former colleague, Duane Watson.

Selection Criteria

The Duane Watson Scholarship for Exceptional Character in Agriculture was created in honor of the late Duane Watson, who measured the value of the life he lived, by helping others. He did so, not seeking recognition, but because he genuinely cared about other people and wanted to brighten their day. He cherished his faith, family, friendships and farming.

Duane demonstrated valuable qualities that we hope to continue to see in the youth of the future: Hard working, honesty, integrity, humbleness, generosity and responsibility. We are looking for a student who has demonstrated these same qualities and intends to pursue a career in agriculture.

Duane Watson worked in many facets of agriculture throughout his life: a row crop farmer, an ag pilot, a custom harvester, and eventually settled at Southwest Georgia Farm Credit as a Relationship Manager in 2005. As a Relationship Manager, he worked to provide funds to local farmers and along the way, continued cultivating the ag community by happily sharing his ag knowledge with his customers and colleagues.

The applicant applying for the Duane Watson Scholarship must be high school senior. Directors and employees of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit, and their immediate family members, are not eligible. "Family" is defined as: "An individual and spouse and anyone having the following relationship to either: parents, spouse, son, daughter, sibling, stepparent, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, and the spouses of the foregoing."

Applicants must plan to attend a two or four-year college on a full-time basis. Students must be pursuing a career path in agriculture sciences, animal biology, chemistry, business, accounting, finance, communications, etc. with an interest in a career that is essential to sustaining infrastructure in our small towns and communities.



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Selection will be based on the applicant's record of scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities. Scholarships are not renewable.

Selection of recipients will be the responsibility of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit.

Application form must be accompanied by the following:

- A high school transcript, showing GPA and class rank.
- Two letters of recommendation from someone other than an immediate family member.
- A two-page essay, telling us which character traits you share with Duane and how you intend to use those in a positive way to make a difference in the agriculture community as you grow in your career.

Must indicate that student's primary residence is within the Association's 21-county territory: Baker, Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Marion, Miller Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Webster

Procedures

All scholarship applications and supporting materials must be received by Southwest Georgia Farm Credit on or before April 14, 2023. All applications must be mailed via U.S.

Postal Service to:

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit
Scholarship Committee
305 Colquitt Highway
Bainbridge, GA 39817

Selection will be made by April 22, 2023. Only applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified.

Recipients must provide a copy of the letter of acceptance to the school they plan to attend for the 2023-2024 school year. Failure to provide documentation may result in forfeiture of the scholarship monies.



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What is your desired field of study and how did you choose it?

Signatures

I hereby state the information submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am submitting the completed application form, the required essay, two letters of recommendation, and high school transcript. I grant Southwest Georgia Farm Credit permission to use all or part of my essay, as well as any photographs which may be taken, for any publicity or advertising purposes.

Applicant	Date
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Applicant Email Address

Parent/Guardian	Date
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<p>Mail completed application, along with all supporting documentation to:</p> <p>Southwest Georgia Farm Credit Scholarship Committee 305 Colquitt Highway Bainbridge, GA 39817</p> <p>Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2023.</p>