



2023 HBCU 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 several scholarship opportunities. This year, the Association will offer three \$1,000 scholarships, and one \$2,000 HBCU scholarship.

Selection Criteria

Applicant must be a 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 HCBU 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.

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, single-spaced essay, "My hopes and dreams for rural America."

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



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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

Applicant Email Address

Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Mail completed application, along with all supporting documentation to:

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Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2023.