

**GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Please indicate what scholarship you are applying for. If applying for more than one scholarship, an application must be completed for each one. (See options on last page.)

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farm Credit Scholarship	Technical Vocational Scholarship	HBCU Scholarship	Duane Watson Scholarship
<input type="radio"/> <b>I have read about the different scholarships offered by Southwest Georgia Farm Credit and understand the eligibility and requirements of submitting my application. (See options on last page.)</b>			
			<b>Date:</b> _____
Applicant's Full Name:		Date Of Birth:	
Home Address (Street, City, State):			
Mailing Address (Street, City, State):			
Applicant Contact Number:		Applicant Email Address:	
Parent/Guardian Name(s):		Parent/Guardian Contact Number(s):	

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High School	Home School	GED Certificate
Name of School Attending:		County:
Address of High School (Street, City, State):		
Current GPA:	Current Class Rank:	
Counselor/School Contact Name:		School Contact Number:
Counselor/School Contact Email:		
Referral Names (2 Required for Recommendation Letters)		Referral Contact Numbers:
1.		
2.		

**CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION**

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<input type="radio"/> Two Or Four-Year College	<input type="radio"/> Technical Program	<input type="radio"/> Certification
Name of College/Program/Certification:		
Location of College/Program/Certification (Street, City, State):		
Have You Been Accepted?	Comments:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Field of Study or Program/Certification Name:		
Why Did You Choose Your Program/Certification and What Are Your Future Plans?		

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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List All School and Community Activities:
List Any Awards or Other Forms of Recognition You Have Received:
List Any Past Employers or Work Experience:

## 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."

Must indicate that applicant'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

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

Applications are reviewed and winners are selected by a Scholarship Committee of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed Application (Typed or Written) with Signature
- 2-Page Essay (Typed)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (From Non-Family Members)
- High School Transcript or GED (Inclusive of GPA)
- College/Program Acceptance Letter (If not applicable at the time of submission, it must be supplied before scholarship money is received.)

### ESSAY REQUIREMENTS: (Include Title & Applicant Name – Single Spaced)

- **Farm Credit Scholarship, Technical Scholarship, & HBCU Scholarship:** Two-Page Essay - "My Hopes and Dreams for Rural America".
- **Duane Watson Scholarship:** 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.

**Send completed application, along with your required essay, two letters of recommendation, high school transcript or GED, and college/program acceptance letter before or by the deadline to:**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY EMAIL: Due January 15, 2025 by 5PM**

**\*\*\*Documents CANNOT be sent via Google Docs. Our servers will not open Google Docs.**

[Marketing@SWGAFarmCredit.com](mailto:Marketing@SWGAFarmCredit.com) **Subject Line:** "Scholarship Submission – Your Name"

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY MAIL: Due January 15, 2025 by 5PM (Please allow time to ship and receive)**

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

**DEADLINE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS: JANUARY 15, 2025**

## SIGNATURE

I hereby state the information submitted herewith is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. 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 Full Name

Date

Applicant Signature

**(Handwritten Signature Required)**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS

### **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP**

Two \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to students who show a record of scholastic achievement and who, through their extracurricular activities, exemplify community spirit:

- Scholarship winners are chosen based on overall achievement and accomplishments.
- Applicant must be high school senior and plan to attend a two- or four-year college on a full-time basis.
- Applicant 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.

### **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to a student or GED graduate wishing to gain a certificate, credential, or two-year degree in the following fields: welding, carpentry, construction, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, automotive, transportation, healthcare, etc.

- Scholarship winners are chosen based on overall achievement and accomplishments.
- Applicant must be a high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED equivalent.
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree, credential, or certificate in a technical or vocational trade.

### **DUANE WATSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER IN AGRICULTURE**

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who exemplifies exceptional character in agriculture. 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. Selection will be based on the applicant's record of extracurricular activities, scholastic achievement, and demonstration of exceptional character in agriculture.

- Applicant must be a high school seniors and plan to attend a two- or four-year college on a full-time basis.
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree in agriculture, crop production, livestock production, crop and soil science, agricultural technology, agricultural research, sustainable agriculture, or agribusiness.

### **SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT HBCU SCHOLARSHIP**

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who shows a record of scholastic achievement and who, through his/her extracurricular activities, exemplifies community spirit:

- Scholarship winner will be chosen based on overall achievement and accomplishments.
- Applicants must be a high school senior, who plans to attend a two- or four-year HBCU on a full-time basis.
- Applicant 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.