FARM CREDIT SOUTHWEST GEORGIA

2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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.)

○ The Southwest Georgia Farm Credit Scholarship	○ The Duane Watson Scholarship	○ The Southwest Georgia Technical/Vocational Scholarship

Applicant's Full Name:	
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):

SCHOOL INFORMATION

○ High School	○ Home School	○ GED Certificate	○ College

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) 1. 2.	Referral Contact Numbers:

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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

○ Two Or Four-Year College	○ Technical Program	○ Certification

Name of College/Program/Certification:

Location of College/Program/Certification (Street, City, State):

Have You Been Accepted? ○ Yes ○ No	Comments:

Field of Study or Program/Certification Name:

Why Did You Choose Your Program/Certification and What Are Your Future Plans?

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

List All School and Community Activities:

List Any Awards or Other Forms of Recognition You Have Received:

List Any Past Employers or Work Experience:

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicant's primary residence must be within the Association's 21-county territory: Baker, Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Decatur, Doughtery, Early, Grady, Lee, Marion, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolf, 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 recipients 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, & ABAC Scholarship:** Two-Page Essay - "My Hopes and Dreams for Rural America."
- **Duane Watson Scholarship:** Two-Page Essay on "Cultivating Leadership Through Service." Explore how you take initiative and tie those experiences to your leadership style and future goals.

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 30, 2027 by 5PM
*****Documents CANNOT be sent via Google Docs.**
Marketing@SWGAFarmCredit.com **Subject Line:** "Scholarship Submission – Your Name"

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY MAIL: **Due January 30, 2027 by 5PM (Please allow time to ship and receive)**
Southwest Georgia Farm Credit
Attn: Scholarship Committee
305 Colquitt Hwy
Bainbridge, GA 39817

SIGNATURE

I hereby state that 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)**

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."

THE DUANE WATSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER IN AGRICULTURE

The Duane Watson Scholarship for Exceptional Character in Agriculture was created in honor of the late Duane Watson, who served Southwest Georgia Farm Credit, and its members, as a Relationship Manager for many years. Duane measured the value of the life he lived by helping others. He did so not to seek recognition, but because he genuinely cared about people. He cherished his faith, family, friendship, 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 would be honored to provide a scholarship to a student who demonstrates these qualities and intends to pursue a career in agriculture.

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit will award one $2000 scholarship:

- 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 senior who plans 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/agrifinance.
- Eligible students must reside in or operate a farm within our 21-county territory.

THE 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 a high school senior who plans 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.
- Eligible students must reside in or operate a farm within our 21-county territory.

THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL 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 career path in a technical or vocational trade.
- Eligible students must reside in or operate a farm within our 21-county territory.