

High Plains Farm Credit Scholarship Process and Application Guidelines

Scholarship Awards

Either one (1) \$1,000 scholarships or
Two (2) \$500 scholarships

Scholarships are awarded on a one-time, non-renewable basis, and recipients must be enrolled as full-time students.

Eligibility

Student or their parent (guardian) must be a stockholder of High Plains Farm Credit. The student must be completing the last half of their degree or certification program and be properly enrolled in the next term or session to receive funds. (For example, each student will have completed two years of studies at a four-year college or university, one year at a junior college or the first half of a vocational or trade school certification program and be properly enrolled in the next term or session.) The student should exhibit leadership potential, initiative and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. In all other respects, these funds shall be awarded without restriction to sex, race, color, handicap, religion or national origin.

Application

The application must include the following items to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Essay addressing the following questions (300 to 500 words):
 - a. What is your intended career choice?
 - b. Who or what in your life has influenced you most with regard to your career choice?
 - c. What are your career goals?
3. Two letters of recommendation. These letters should address their knowledge of your character, leadership responsibilities fulfilled, academic/athletic accomplishments and community involvement.
4. College transcript or school officials' verification.

Award Selection Process

The scholarship committee will review applications and select without bias the most qualified and deserving scholarship applicant. Although a minimum grade point average has been established as criteria, the higher GPA will not be the primary determining factor in the selection process. The applicant's leadership and extracurricular involvement will be carefully considered and weighted heavily in the selection process.

Deadline

5:00 p.m., April 11, 2012

Completed applications must be received at the business office in Hays, Kansas, on or before 5:00 p.m., April 11, 2012. Applications sent via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Please mail completed applications to:

High Plains Farm Credit, ACA
Attn: Shannon Schmidt
P.O. Box 836
Hays, KS 67601

Scholarship On-line

Scholarship information is available on-line at
www.highplainsfarmcredit.com

For scholarship questions, please contact Shannon Schmidt toll free at 800.369.9625

