



# SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Dear High School Guidance Counselor,

The Susquehanna County Farm Bureau is proud to offer two, \$1,000 scholarships to qualified senior students in our county schools. All seniors in Susquehanna County schools are encouraged to apply. A presentation of the award will be made at the school district's discretion such as Senior Class Night or the graduation ceremony. However, the specific cash award will not be given to the student until they successfully complete the first semester of post high school matriculation.

We are interested in a student's entire school and community involvement along with each individual's plan for growth after graduation. We would like to offer the scholarship to students as a way to encourage a long-term interest in agriculture and agriculture related fields and its positive impact on our communities and way of life.

Winners will be selected from the completed applications received by the deadline of **March 25, 2024**. Winners will be selected utilizing a scoring combination composed of points awarded in different categories such as academics, school and community involvement, career goals, and an essay.

Please feel free to make copies of the application to distribute to interested seniors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

David DeLeon, Susquehanna County Farm Bureau President

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607-768-9893

Please mail completed applications post marked by March 25<sup>th</sup> to:

David DeLeon

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Susquehanna, PA 18847

**Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you or a family member a Susquehanna County Farm Bureau member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list name(s) of the member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I will be a full-time college or technical school student in the fall of 2024. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the following college, community college, or technical school:

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My program of study will be: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your work experience? If extra space is needed, please list on back of sheet

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What school extracurricular activities/programs are you involved in? If extra space is needed, please list on back of sheet

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What community or volunteer activities/programs are you involved in? If extra space is needed, please list on back of sheet

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Essay: Please choose one topic and write an essay of approximately 500 words.

1. What are the main issues facing modern agriculture, including climate, and how does it adjust?
2. Agriculture is always under challenges from various sectors. How can Farm Bureau help our legislators understand these challenges and how critical it is to support the financial stability of America's family farms?
3. Pollution and clean-up of the Chesapeake Bay is proving to be a long and difficult task. Due to nutrient run-off, farms continually remain a major target. With our nation and the world's population requiring more and more food; farmers answer that demand with more intensive production requiring more nutrients. Large amounts of money have already been spent by government projects and by farmers themselves with goals that seem unreasonable. How do we adjust, balance, and go forward with these pressures on our farms?
4. What is sustainable agriculture and how can agricultural organizations, such as Farm Bureau, help farmers access market-based solutions that advance sustainability goals without restricting their ability to stock America's pantries, help feed a growing population, and maintain farm profitability?

Please enclose a Letter of Recommendation from a person not related to you.

Name of person and phone number making the recommendation:

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**All of the following are to be included as part of the application. Please use this list as a checklist to make sure all are included in your application:**

High School Transcript \_\_\_\_\_      Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_      Work Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
Community Involvement \_\_\_\_\_      Letter of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_      Essay \_\_\_\_\_