**FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

***For non-agricultural curriculum majors***

The Frederick County Farm Bureau will provide up to 5 scholarships in the amount of $750 each for the following purposes:

* To recognize and assist deserving and outstanding young people who are pursuing a college degree in a non-agricultural area of study.
* To promote leadership development.
* To encourage students to appreciate the values and opportunities of rural life.
* To foster an interest on the part of young people in Frederick County.

The Frederick County Farm Bureau will adhere to the following guidelines:

* Funding for the county scholarship program must be appropriated in the county Farm Bureau budget.
* Scholarship applications must be made available to and advertised in all county high schools.
* The scholarship application must be signed by the individual applying.
* Applicants or their parents or grandparents must be Frederick County Farm Bureau members. Student memberships **are** acceptable. Applicants or their parents or grandparents must have been members for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
* Applicants may receive scholarships more than once.
* Scholarship deadlines must be indicated on the application. Applications are not eligible if received after the deadline. Applications must be emailed to the Scholarship Committee chair or address indicated on the application. The Scholarship Committee chair will be responsible for collecting applications for the county scholarship committee.
* All scholarship applications will be judged by an appointed committee in an ‘exchange program’ with another county Farm Bureau.
* Judging will be based on academic achievement, post graduate plans, involvement in agriculture, community service involvement, leadership experience, letters of reference and financial need.
* The county scholarship committee judging the applications may not consist of any person related to any scholarship applicant.
* The county scholarship committee judging the applications will determine a winner by June 1. Winners will be announced at the FCFB Summer Picnic.
* Scholarship payments will be issued to the scholarship recipient.

This policy was adopted by the Frederick County Farm Bureau on January 16, 2018.