

**APPLICATION FOR:
2022 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP**
Administered by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Inc.

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Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland.
2. All applicants or their parents/guardians must be members, in good standing as of 4/15/2022, of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau to be eligible to apply. If interested in joining the MCFB, you may register online at <https://members.mdfarmbureau.com/>
3. Applicant must be a current high school senior with plans to start college in the fall semester of 2022, or applicant who must be a current full-time student at any accredited vocational, community college, or four-year institution.
4. Applicant must demonstrate an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.
5. Applicant must receive one letter of recommendation; from a teacher/instructor in the area of your major and/or from an employer, mentor, coach, club advisor, or religious leader.
6. Applicant must provide an answer to the provided essay question of 500 words or less.
7. Applicant must be available to receive the scholarship at our Montgomery County Farm Bureau June picnic or at a monthly MCFB Board of Directors meeting.

How to Apply:

Typed, completed application, essay response, and one letter of recommendation must be sent via email to Eric Spates, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mcfbscholarship@gmail.com.

Deadline: Received by Wednesday, May 4, 2022

For more information, please contact Montgomery County Farm Bureau Secretary, Kim Smith, at 301-467-1419 or by email at mcfbsecretary@gmail.com

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**Answers MUST be typed **

1.	Last Name:	First Name:			
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: ZIP: Montgomery County Farm Bureau Member Number:				
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: Email Address:				
4.	Date of Birth Month: Day: Year:				
5.	Name and City of high school attended:			Year Graduated:	
6.	Current Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) - <i>(Attach proof of GPA. If you are just starting college, your most recent high school transcript is required. Scanned photocopies are acceptable.)</i>				
7.	How many credits/classes are you taking this semester? _____				
8.	List the name of any college you have attended/are attending, if applicable.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (if applicable)	Type of Degree Received
	a.				
	b.				
	c.				
9.	Name of school you will be attending in the Fall of 2022: _____ What year/program will you attend as: (select one below) Undergrad. (Fresh. Soph. Jr. Sr.) Graduate/Masters/PhD Technical/Vocational <i>(Proof of acceptance or current enrollment from above school is required)</i>				
10.	What major do you plan to pursue? Please indicate your minor specialization as well.				
11.	Have you applied for and/or received the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarship in the past? Y/N If yes, what year did you receive it?				
12.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester			
	Tuition:	Personal:			
	Books:	Scholarships:			
	Room & Board:	Grants:			
	Transportation:	Student Loans:			
	Other:	Other Financial Resources:			

13.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
14.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:
15.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

16.	List any memberships, leadership roles, or offices you have held:			
17.	Work Experience: List most recent or pertinent work experience whether or not they are related to floriculture, horticulture or agriculture.			
	Name of Company	Position Held/Duties Performed	Start Date	End Date
18.	<p>Letters of Recommendation: Please have one (1) teacher, instructor, mentor, coach, employer, club advisor, and/or religious leader send a letter of recommendation to Eric Spates, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mcfbscholarship@gmail.com or by mail to PO Box 217, Damascus, MD 20872 by Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Letter must be sent by references.</p> <p>Letter must be written by a person qualified to attest to your abilities, character and interests. <i>Instructions for Letter of Recommendation Sheet</i> is attached for your convenience.</p>			
19.	<p>Essay: Please provide a response to the following question:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There are many different sectors of agriculture which produce food, material goods, and beauty for our world. If you could create an event in Montgomery County to expand the public’s understanding of how agriculture impacts them, describe what that event would be and your goals for the event.</p> <p>The essay should not exceed 500 words and should be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double spaced with 1in. margins.</p>			

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mcfbscholarship@gmail.com

Application answers must be typed. Handwritten entries will be disqualified.
Application must be filled out entirely. Attached resumes will not be accepted.

In addition to this application, be sure the following items are emailed by the deadline to be eligible:

- Most recent high school or college transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.
- Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment (i.e., acceptance letter, current college transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.)
- One letter of recommendation. **MUST** be sent by reference.
- Typed response to the essay question that is 500 words or less.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all of the above information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the scholarship program. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be available to receive the scholarship in person at our June Montgomery County Farm Bureau Picnic (Tentatively scheduled on Sunday, June 5, 2022) or at a monthly Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Instructions for Letter of Recommendation Sheet

(The instructions that follow are a template that may be copied/pasted and emailed/mailed to one reference who can attest to your suitability as an applicant for this scholarship. Reference letter must be emailed/mailed by the Reference by Wednesday, May 4, 2022.)

Dear _____,
(Reference's Name)

I am applying for the 2022 Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarship. I'm writing to ask if you could please compose a brief reference letter attesting to my attributes and accomplishments.

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In your letter, please explain how you know me, and why you feel that I may be deserving of this scholarship. Please send your letter, addressed to Eric Spates, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, to mcfbscholarship@gmail.com or by mail to: PO Box 217, Damascus, MD 20872, by Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Please include your full name, title, telephone number, and address.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

(Applicant's Name)