

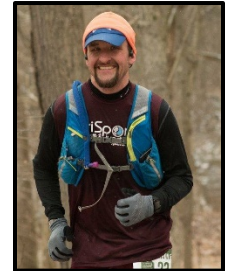


**MDFB YOUNG FARMERS  
FRANCIS MOATS SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

*Due January 13th, 2023*

The Maryland Farm Bureau (MDFB) Young Farmers will be awarding two (2) recipients with a \$1,250 scholarship to attend the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) FUSION Conference on March 3 – 6, 2023 in Jacksonville, FL in memory of Francis Moats. This conference will have great speakers, breakout sessions and evening events to bring together volunteer leaders from the Promotion & Education, Women's Leadership and Young Farmers & Ranchers programs. You'll leave the conference with new friends, new ideas and new energy for your farm and Farm Bureau.

Francis was a member of MDFB's Young Farmer Committee from 2014 through 2018, and never missed an opportunity to travel to FUSION or YF&R Conferences. He was an avid supporter of the Freezin' for a Reason fundraiser that benefited the Maryland Food Bank and was always a familiar and friendly face at the Maryland State Fair Dairy Bar. This scholarship is to honor Francis's desire for learning, meeting new people, and enthusiasm for Farm Bureau and the Young Farmer program.



Scholarship recipients will be selected by a designated committee of the Maryland Farm Bureau. To apply, please fill out the below application and submit it via email to Parker Welch at [pwelch@marylandfb.org](mailto:pwelch@marylandfb.org). Applicants must be between the ages of 18-35 and must be a Maryland Farm Bureau member. To become a member visit, [www.marylandfb.org](http://www.marylandfb.org).

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email:**

**Membership number:**

The application includes the following essay question to be answered by each applicant:

Tell us how this grant to attend the FUSION Conference in 2023 will benefit you and what three strengths would you bring to back to your local and state Farm Bureau? – **Approximately 2,500 characters**