



The William J. Collins Scholarship was established to honor Mr. Collins upon his retirement from AgriBank, recognizing his many years of service. This scholarship will be awarded to young people interested in pursuing agriculture related degrees. In partnership with Agriculture Future of America (AFA), the scholarship will be awarded each year to children of AgriBank district employees.

AgriBank, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a financial intermediary, providing wholesale funds and services to Farm Credit Services organizations serving Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. AgriBank was formed in 1992 through the merger of the former Farm Credit Banks of St. Louis and St. Paul. In 1994, AgriBank was expanded through a merger with the Farm Credit Bank of Louisville. AgriBank expanded again in 2003 through a merger with AgAmerica Farm Credit Bank. The Seventh District Farm Credit Services Associations own AgriBank. AgriBank has over \$60 billion in assets and over \$2.5 billion in equity.

Criteria of the William J. Collins Scholarship are:

- Child of an Agribank district employee
- Successful completion of application, essay and interview
- Provide three letters of reference (academic, personal and leadership references)
- Enrollment as a full-time student in a four-year agriculture-related degree program as defined by the accredited college or university of student's choice
- Remain in "good standing" with school for the duration of semesters scholarship is to be awarded
- Provide Agriculture Future of America with a billing statement per semester scholarship is to be paid

Scholarships funds in the amount of \$1500 will be awarded to a high school senior for the freshman year of college. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university of the scholarship recipient.

Please complete the following application and return by March 1, 2009 to Agriculture Future of America.

Agriculture Future of America  
ATTN: William J. Collins Scholarship  
P.O. Box 414838  
Kansas City, MO 64141  
Phone: (816) 472-4232  
Fax: (816) 472-4239

For more information about Agriculture Future of America, please visit [www.agfuture.org](http://www.agfuture.org).



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APPLICATION**

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 Kansas City, MO 64141

*Please print or type application.*

Name: (Mr., Ms.)		Social Security Number:		
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
County of Residence:	Phone:	Email:		Date of Birth:
High School:	High School GPA:	High School Graduation Date:	High School Rank:	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Names:				
Farm Credit Service location employed:				
How did you hear about the scholarship?				

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, GUARDIAN AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR (Required for eligibility)**

We certify that all information given on this application is true, correct and complete. We understand that the AFA scholarship is to be used for tuition, fees or room and board. We understand that if a student enrolls in a college or university where fees per semester are less than the scholarship provided, the scholarship pays the lesser amount per semester but must be activated within two years of receiving the scholarship. The remaining funds may be allocated to later semesters. We understand that scholars must enroll, and remain in good standing, in a four-year agriculture-related degree program. I understand this is one-time \$1,500 scholarship.

Applicant:	Date:
Parent(s) or Guardian(s):	Date:
High School Counselor or College Advisor:	Date:

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

Name of college or university you plan to attend:	
Have you applied for admission?	If yes, have you been accepted?
Vocation/Major (Be Specific):	
What is your career plan/goal?	

*Please list the year(s) active at each level of service or membership.*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Activities (Provide additional information on white bond paper if necessary.)	Local	County	State	Year

*\*Provide additional information on white bond paper if necessary.*

**Additional information on back.**

Please list other sources of financial assistance you expect to receive.	
Source of support	Amount

**STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Organization	Local	County	State	Year

**STATEMENT**

Comment on what activities have been most meaningful to your personal development.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please list jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past three or four years.

Job	Employer	Approximate dates of employment	Approximate number of hours per week

**ESSAY**

Write an essay sharing your personal vision for agriculture, stating why you are interested in an agricultural career. The essay should be 300-500 words. The selection committee may use this essay for reference during the personal interview. Please prepare on white bond paper and attach **two copies** to this form.

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Provide three letters of reference under same or separate cover that recognize applicant's personal, academic or leadership character. Letters should be received by application deadline.

