



2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OUTLINE

About Heartland Co-op

Heartland Co-op is one of the largest grain and farm supply companies in Iowa, serving more than 5,800 members from 71 communities in the state. Heartland Co-op is the largest employer in most of these communities with upwards of 500 full-time employees.

Objectives

The primary goal of the Scholarship Program is to encourage area youth to prepare for a career in agriculture and provide college financial assistance to dependents of Heartland Co-op members.

Scholarship Amount

Heartland Co-op will offer twelve (12) \$1,000 scholarships to full-time agriculture students through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Heartland Co-op Board of Directors has designated the Iowa FFA Foundation to appoint a selection committee to review the applications and rank scholarship recipients, though the Board shall have final approval.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Applicant shall be a Class A Heartland Co-op Member or a dependent of a Heartland Co-op Class A member at the time of application.
- Applicant shall be a full-time student that has been accepted into a college program that offers an agricultural degree, or a 2-year transferable Ag program to go on and major in an agriculture curriculum. *Applicant shall enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of his/her scholarship year.*
- The college's agriculture program must be at Iowa State University, Northwest Missouri State University, or any 2-year agricultural program in Iowa.
- Directors and officers of Heartland Co-op and their spouses and/or dependent children shall be prohibited from receiving a Heartland Co-op scholarship.
- Recipient can receive a Heartland Co-op scholarship one time.
- These scholarships are available to applicants who are undergraduate students in two or four year programs. High school seniors, as well as college freshmen, sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply – Heartland Co-op scholarships can be awarded to college freshmen through seniors.

EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Position / Title	Period of Employment	Hours Per Week

AG OWNERSHIP

Major Enterprises	Scope	Year

List courses you have taken in high school/college which would support your interest in preparation for a career in the agricultural industry

Using a college catalog, list specific agriculture classes you plan to take during your scholarship year

FOLLOWING SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

High school cumulative grade point average	College cumulative grade point average (if applicable)
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– I verify that the above information is current at time of completion –

Signature	Title	Date
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What additional scholarships / grants will you be awarded in the 2017 – 2018 academic year? (state source & amount)

Why should you be awarded a Heartland Co-op scholarship?

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR THE 2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

FFA & 4-H members, be sure to include your enterprises and/or employment experiences as other sources of income – this will be included as a financial management guide for selection committee

Expenses	Resources
Tuition & fees	Estimate savings
Room & board	Assistance from parents/relatives
Books & supplies	Loans
Clothing	Scholarships
Incidentals (transportation, recreation, laundry, misc.)	Part-time work / miscellaneous sources
TOTAL	TOTAL

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BALANCE BUDGET

Applicant's opinion on why cooperatives are important to agriculture:

This information is requested for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons outside the coordinating staff, the review committee, and the Heartland Co-op Board of Directors will be provided this information.

I authorize Heartland Co-op to release copies of this form and information about my academic record to the committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of local cooperative's Location Manager

Date

Send this application and a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to:

Heartland Co-op
P.O. Box 71399
Des Moines, IA 50325

Applications, transcripts, and recommendation letters *must* be postmarked by **March 10, 2017** to be considered.