



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing an interest in the Ag Plus annual scholarship program. This program is available to any local student pursuing a career in agriculture or landscape. The scholarship program annually awards a \$1,000 scholarship to students enrolled in any two or four-year college in an agriculture curriculum. The scholarship amount is **\$1,000 per individual**. The program offers **four scholarships** for this year.

The scholarship program is available to any student meeting the following criteria:

1. The student must major in an agricultural field that includes forage, turf, or landscape-related programs.
2. Scholarships will be available to any high school senior or college student in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year of studies as of the 2024 fall semester.
3. The student must demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance.
4. The student must live in the Ag Plus trade area.

Ag Plus believes that students expressing leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill various positions in the agricultural industry. The scholarship program Ag Plus is offering is our way of encouraging students to pursue their dreams of studying and working in a career in agriculture or related fields.

The 2023 recipients, Austin Liepe, J Brent Studebaker, Maggie Wolf, and Rachel Bleke, all share a strong interest in agriculture and pursuit to influence the industry.

All applications must be submitted to the South Whitley office of Ag Plus by **March 1, 2024**, to be eligible. The applications can also be obtained and submitted from our website at <https://www.agplusinc.com/scholarships>. The scholarship committee will notify the scholarship winner **by April 19, 2024**.

For additional information about the scholarship program, please get in touch with Kenna Hull at the South Whitley office of Ag Plus at 260-723-5141 x 403.

Best Wishes,

The Ag Plus Staff



2024 Ag Plus



Scholarship Application Form

ELIGIBILITY: Students pursuing a two- or four-year degree in an agri-business or agri-business related curriculum including turf or turf management. Available to graduating high school seniors, freshman, sophomores, and juniors in advanced education courses. The applicant must live in the Ag Plus trade area.

Applications must be signed by a school official or guidance counselor and postmarked by March 1st, 2024.

DESCRIPTION: Four (4) one-thousand-dollar scholarships (\$1,000) will be awarded to eligible applicants based on scholastic achievement, leadership demonstrated, and ability to contribute to agriculture in the future.

Name- Last, First, Middle		Age	Telephone Number	Email Address
Address- Street, P.O. Box or Route		Town	State	Zip Code
Name of Father/Guardian		Name of Mother/Guardian		
Address of Parents/Guardians if different than yours		Telephone Number		
School currently enrolled in		Town	State	Zip Code
Current GPA		Anticipated graduation Date: High School or College		

Your application must include this completed application form, your high school grade transcript/ college grade transcript, three reference forms to be mailed with this application or individually (please see attached 'Ag Plus Scholarship Reference' document for details), and the signature of a school official or guidance counselor certifying that the applicant is a current student (see School Signature page). Please utilize the Scholarship Application Checklist to ensure that you have completed everything.

To submit this application, complete all sections and mail them to the address below. Applications must be postmarked by **March 1st, 2024**; Scholarship winners will be notified by **April 19th, 2024**.

Ag Plus
Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 306
South Whitley, IN 46787

SCHOOL SIGNATURE:

TO BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

This is to certify that _____ is currently enrolled in school and is in good standing with the school with anticipated graduation date of _____.

Name of School	Official Signature	Date
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1. Where did you obtain this scholarship application?

Local Cooperative _____ School Counselor _____ County Extension Office _____
FFA Instructor _____ Other _____

2. Please provide the following information about the Ag Plus location nearest you and your family:

Managers Name: _____

Location: _____

3. What are your career goals upon graduation?

4. What college have you selected or are currently enrolled and why?

5. In your opinion why are cooperatives important to agriculture? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

ACTIVITIES

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

6. Describe yourself including ag related programs or projects, leadership roles in school or other activities, and any current and future goals you have set for yourself.

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7. Explain why you are interested in agriculture as a career. Please take special care in answering this question since this essay will be given considerable attention by the Selection Committee.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)



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Scholarship Reference

CANDIDATE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP: _____

For Scholarship Candidate:

Please include three (3) references that adhere to the guidelines listed below:

- At least one (1) reference from current school program or guidance counselor.
- At least one (1) reference that is involved with agriculture or agri-business including turf and turf management.
- One reference of your choice.
 - Please note, family members are not eligible for references.

For Candidate References:

On an additional piece of paper, please describe the following for this candidate:

- Leadership abilities
- Worthiness of scholarship
- Ability to be a positive factor for agriculture.
- Citizenship
- Attitude
- Involvement in organizations

**Scholarship references can be returned to the student for them to give to the committee or may be mailed directly to Ag Plus.

Ag Plus
Scholarship Application C/O Candidates Name
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2024 Scholarship Application Checklist

Applicant _____

Completed Application Form ☐

Grade Transcript ☐

Reference- School Program/ Guidance Counselor ☐

Reference- Agriculture Involvement ☐

Reference- Candidate's Choice ☐

School Signature ☐