

**Application deadline: February 1, 2019**

**Scholarship Guidelines**

**Eligibility**

**High School Seniors:** Up to 2 - \$500 scholarships awarded

- Must be a resident of McLean County.
- Must be accepted for enrollment as a fulltime student at an accredited 2 or 4-year college, university, technology or trade school.

**College, University, Technical or Trade School:** Up to 2 - \$500 scholarships awarded

- Must be a graduate of a high school in McLean County
- Must be enrolled as a fulltime student at an accredited 2 or 4-year college, university, technology or trade school.

**Selection Criteria**

- 1. Interest in an Agricultural Career** - Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest and an intention to enter a career in agriculture or a closely related field
- 2. Leadership** – Selection will be based on school and community activities (including 4-H and FFA), volunteerism, honors and awards and work experience. These scholarships will not be awarded based on academics, although academics may be considered in case of a tie.
- 3. Character** - Applicants should be of exemplary character, demonstrate leadership in school and community, exhibit a strong work ethic and serve as a positive role model

**Application**

- All application materials must be submitted online or postmarked on or before **February 1, 2019**. Application can be found online at [www.mcfb.org/scholarships](http://www.mcfb.org/scholarships)
- A Recommendation Form should be submitted online. The reference should not be a relative of the applicant. Suggested references: Teacher, 4-H Club Leader, Employer or Guidance Counselor/Advisor
- Use the application as provided. No additional paperwork or documentation will be considered by the Scholarship Review Committee.

**Scholarship Winners**

- Applications will be reviewed by the McLean County Beef Association Scholarship Review Committee, which will make the final selections. Personal interviews may be required.
- Scholarship payments will be made directly to selected students upon receipt of their 1st semester transcript for the 2019-20 school year.

**Application Checklist**

	<b>Completed Application</b> (online)
	<b>Transcript</b> (uploaded or mailed separately)
	<b>Signed Authorization &amp; Release</b> (uploaded or mailed)
	<b>Recommendation Form</b> (submitted online)