TO: Guidance Counselors and/or Financial Aid

FROM: Tom Jett, Manager
St. Clair County Farm Bureau

DATE: January 10, 2018

RE: 2018-19 St Clair County Farm Bureau Scholarship

The St. Clair County Farm Bureau is again offering a scholarship program for the 2018-19 school year and request that you make this information available to academic advisors and students at your school. The program is offered to students who are members of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau in Illinois or their dependents and who are interested in pursuing a degree in agriculture at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and the University of Illinois.

Enclosed are additional guidelines for the program. Please make copies as necessary to provide to your counselors and students.

In addition, the St. Clair County Young Farmers have a Shane Toenjes Scholarship for Farm Bureau members and their dependents. Information is included in the packet.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact our office at (618) 233-6800. Thank you.
St. Clair County Young Farmers

Shane Toenjes Scholarship

The St. Clair County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee established a $500 annual scholarship in honor of a committee member that passed away in 2011.

The scholarship is paid directly to the school where the student is enrolled. It is open to any high school senior or college student pursuing a degree in agriculture. Farm Bureau members or the dependent of a Farm Bureau member are eligible.

Applicants should write a letter to the Young Farmers Committee stating their aspirations and goals. The application deadline is March 16, 2018.

The letter should be mailed to: Shane Toenjes Young Farmer Scholarship, St. Clair County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 547, Belleville, IL 62222.
Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the scholarship program offered by St. Clair County Farm Bureau is to provide scholarships to college students who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. These scholarships are awarded only to students who attend Southern Illinois University- Carbondale and the University of Illinois and are based on scholastic ability. In an effort to give all applicants an equal opportunity, the committee asks that 2017 recipients not apply for the year 2018-19. They may apply again for the 2019-20 scholarship.

All applicants must meet these eligibility guidelines:

1. Must be a graduating senior or high school graduate. Has applied, intends to apply, or has been accepted for enrollment at SIU-C or the University of Illinois.

2. Must be a St. Clair County Farm Bureau member, spouse of member or member’s dependent.

In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting recipients:

1. Academic performance - * Honors * ACT score * High school rank * SAT score

2. Demonstrates interest in agriculture and/or agribusiness

3. Character and personality - * Industriousness and motivation * Intellectual interest

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2018.

MAIL TO: St. Clair County Farm Bureau
P.O. Box 547
1478 East State Rt.15
Belleville, IL 62222

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions regarding the application or scholarship program, please contact the Farm Bureau office at (618) 233-6800.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OFFERED BY
ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Please type or print neatly

SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name___________________________________________________________

Home Address____________________________________________________
(street or rural route) (town & state) (zip code)

Home county________________________ Phone (____) (area code) (number)

Parents’ Name____________________________________________________

Parents’ Address____________________________________________________
(street or rural route) (town & state) (zip code)

Parents’ Occupation________________________________________________

Applicant’s or Parent’s Farm Bureau Membership Number____________________

High School Attended________________________________ Graduation Date____________________

Community College Attended________________________________ Graduation Date____________________

College you will be attending (SIU-C or University of Illinois)____________________

What is/will be your major area of study? Please explain how it relates to agriculture.____________________________________

SECTION 2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What was your high school GPA?________________

What was your composite ACT score?___________ SAT score?____________

What was your community college GPA?_________

What is your current overall GPA if enrolled at a four-year school?_____________

What high school/college academic honors have you received?____________________

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SECTION 3. ACTIVITIES

List agricultural or other clubs you belong(ed) to. Indicate offices held, positions of leadership, and activities in which you participate(d).


List church, civic or community activities.


Briefly summarize your experience in agriculture/agribusiness. (Attach additional page if necessary.)


SECTION 4. PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Please attach a one-page maximum, typewritten explanation of your professional goals and objectives as well as the contributions you expect to make to agriculture/agribusiness and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

How is your education being financed?


Student’s signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Parent/Guardian’s signature (if dependent) ___________________________ Date __________________

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                    Belleville, IL  62222
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFERED BY
ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM BUREAU

OBJECTIVE

To provide scholarships to St. Clair County Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their dependents who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. These scholarships are awarded only to students who attend Southern Illinois University- Carbondale and the University of Illinois and are based on scholastic ability. The program’s purpose is to help assure a well-qualified and professional agricultural workforce in Illinois.

ELIGIBILITY

In an effort to give all applicants an equal opportunity, the committee asks that 2017 recipients not apply for the year 2018-19. They may apply again for the 2018-19 scholarship. All applicants must meet the following general criteria to be considered for this scholarship.

1. Must be a graduating senior or high school graduate. Has applied, intends to apply, or has been accepted for enrollment at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale or the University of Illinois.

2. Must be a St. Clair County Farm Bureau member, spouse of member or member’s dependent.

SCHOLARSHIP(S) AVAILABLE - $500.00 per semester

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In addition to eligibility guideline, the following will be considered in selecting recipients:

1. Academic performance
   * Honors
   * Rank in high school class
   * ACT scores
   * SAT scores

2. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and/or agribusiness
   * Organization involvement
   * Employment
   * Professional goals
   * Course work

3. Evidence of self-help (How the student is contributing financially to his/her education)

4. Professional goals
   * Industriousness and motivation
   * Intellectual interest

TERMS

All scholarship funds will be sent to the university, college, or community college prior to the beginning of each semester. The institution will apply these funds toward the student’s tuition and/or room and board. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, or tuition waiver.

APPLICATIONS

Applications may be obtained by contacting the St. Clair County Farm Bureau office at (618) 233-6800 or writing to:
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