

APPLICATION FOR:
2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP
Administered by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Inc.

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Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland.
2. All applicants or their parents/guardians must be members, in good standing of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau to be eligible to apply. If interested in joining the MCFB, you may register online at <https://members.mdfarmbureau.com/>
3. Applicants must be a current high school senior with plans to start college in the fall semester of 2023, or applicants must be a current full-time student at any accredited vocational, community college, or four-year institution.
4. Applicants must demonstrate an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.
5. Applicants must receive one letter of recommendation; from a teacher/instructor in the area of your major and/or from your employer, mentor, coach, club advisor, or religious leader.
6. Applicants must provide an answer to the provided essay question of 500 words or less.
7. Applicants must be available to receive the scholarship at our Montgomery County Farm Bureau June picnic or at a monthly MCFB Board of Directors meeting. The 2023 June picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th at 4 pm at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. The Board of Directors meet tentatively the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park.

How to Apply:

Typed, completed application, essay response, and one letter of recommendation must be sent via email to Tyler Butler, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mcfbscholarship@gmail.com.

Deadline: Received by Friday, May 12, 2023

For more information, please contact Montgomery County Farm Bureau Secretary, Kim Smith, at 301-467-1419 or by email at mcfbsecretary@gmail.com.

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**Answers MUST be typed.*

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City:	State: Zip Code:
3.	Montgomery County Farm Bureau Number:	
4.	Daytime Telephone Number:	
5.	Email Address:	
6.	Date of Birth Month:	Date: Year:
7.	High School Attended:	City:
8.	High School Graduation Year:	
9.	Current Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale): <i>Attach proof of GPA. Please include your high school transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.</i>	
10.	How many credits/classes are you taking this semester:	

17.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
18.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school or college:
19.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
20.	List any memberships, leadership roles, or offices you have held:

21. Work Experience: List most recent or pertinent work experience whether or not they are in the agriculture related fields.

	<i>Name of Company</i>	<i>Position/Duties Performed</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
A.				
B.				
C.				
D.				

22. Letters of Recommendation: Please have one (1) letter, instructor, mentor, coach, employer, club advisor, and/or religious leader send a letter of recommendation to Tyler Butler, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mcfbscholarship@gmail.com or by mail to PO Box 217, Damascus, Maryland, 20872 by **Friday, May 12, 2023**. *Letters must be sent by references.*

Letters must be written by a person qualified to attest your abilities, character, and interests. *Instructions for Letter of Recommendation Sheet attached, for your convenience.*

23. Essay: Please provide a response to the following question:

How can Montgomery County Farm Bureau effectively support Young Farmers to successfully prepare for an ever-changing economy and increasing infrastructure challenges?

The essay should not exceed 500 words and should be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt font, double spaced with 1 inch margins.

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- *Application answers must be typed. Handwritten answers will be disqualified.*
- *Application must be filled out entirely with all supporting documents needed.*
- *Attached resumes will not be accepted.*

In addition, to this application, be sure to include the following documents by the deadline to be an eligible scholarship recipient:

- Most recent high school or college transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.
- Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. (i.e. acceptance letter, current college transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.)
- One letter of recommendation. **MUST be sent by your reference.**
- Typed response to the essay question that is 500 words or less.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all of the above information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the scholarship program. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be available to receive the scholarship in person at our June Montgomery County Farm Bureau picnic or at a monthly Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Instructions for Letter of Recommendation Sheet

(The instructions that follow are a template that may be copied/pasted and emailed/mailed to one letter of reference who can attest to your suitability as an applicant for this scholarship. Reference letters must be emailed and/or mailed to Tyler Butler, Scholarship Committee Chairperson by Friday, May 12, 2023)

Dear _____,
(Reference's Name)

I am applying for the 2023 Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarship. I'm writing to ask if you could please compose a brief reference letter attesting to my attributes and accomplishments.

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In your letter, please explain how you know me, and why you feel that I may be deserving of this scholarship. Please send your letter, addressed to Tyler Butler, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, to mcfbscholarship@gmail.com or by mail to: PO Box 217, Damascus, MD 20872, by Friday, May 12, 2023. Please include your full name, title, telephone number, and address.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

(Applicant's Name)