

**APPLICATION FOR:  
2024 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 parent/guardians must be members, in good standing, of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau to be eligible to apply. \*Maryland Farm Bureau Student Only members are no longer eligible for this scholarship. 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 2024, 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. If unable to attend the June picnic, applicants are expected to visit the Board of Directors at their MCFB Board of Directors monthly meeting. The 2024 June picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at Laytonsville Turf Farm. Laytonsville Turf Farm is located at 5225 Damascus Road, Laytonsville, Maryland 20882. The MCFB Board of Directors meetings tentatively meet 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, MCFB Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at [mcfbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mcfbscholarship@gmail.com).

**Deadline: Received by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*For more information, please contact Montgomery County Farm Bureau Secretary, Kim Smith at 301-467-1419 or by email at [mcfbsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcfbsecretary@gmail.com).*

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\*Applications MUST be typed.

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Last Name:</b>                                   | <b>Middle Initial:</b> | <b>First Name:</b> |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Mailing Address</b>                              |                        |                    |
|           | <b>Street:</b>                                      |                        |                    |
|           | <b>City:</b>  | <b>State:</b>          | <b>Zip Code:</b>   |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Montgomery County Farm Bureau Member Number:</b> |                        |                    |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Daytime Telephone Number:</b>                    |                        |                    |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Email Address:</b>                               |                        |                    |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Date of Birth</b>                                |                        |                    |
|           | <b>Month:</b>                                       | <b>Date:</b>           | <b>Year:</b>       |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>High School Attended:</b>                        | <b>City, State:</b>    |                    |

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| 8.  | <b>High School Graduation Year:</b>  |   |                    |                                 |
| 9.  | <b>Current Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale):</b><br><i>Required to attach proof of GPA. Please include your high school transcript and/or college transcript. Scanned copies are acceptable.</i>   |   |                    |                                 |
| 10. | <b>How many credits/classes are you taking this semester:</b>  |   |                    |                                 |
| 11. | <b>List the name of High School and/or College you have attended</b>   | <b>Year Began:</b>  | <b>Year Ended:</b> | <b>Type of Degree Received:</b> |
| a.  |  |   |                    |                                 |
| b.  |  |   |                    |                                 |
| c.  |  |   |                    |                                 |
| 12. | <b>School Attending in the Fall, 2024:</b>   |   |                    |                                 |
| 13. | <b>What year/program will you attend as: (Select One Below)</b><br><br><b>Undergrad:    Freshman        Sophomore        Junior        Senior</b><br><br><b>Graduate/Masters/PHD:</b><br><br><b>Technical/Vocational Program:</b><br><br><i>Required to provide proof of acceptance or current enrollment from the above school.</i> |   |                    |                                 |
| 14. | <b>What major do you plan to pursue?</b><br><br><b>Minor program?</b>  |   |                    |                                 |
| 15. | <b>Have you applied for and/or received the MCFB Scholarship in the past?    Y/N</b><br><br><b>If yes, what year did you receive it?</b>   |   |                    |                                 |
| 16. | <b>List expenses you expect to incur, per semester</b>   | <b>List other financial assistance you will receive, per semester</b> |                    |                                 |
|     | <i>Tuition:</i>  | <i>Personal:</i>  |                    |                                 |
|     | <i>Books:</i>  | <i>Scholarships:</i>  |                    |                                 |
|     | <i>Room &amp; Board:</i>   | <i>Grants:</i>  |                    |                                 |
|     | <i>Transportation:</i>   | <i>Student Loans:</i>   |                    |                                 |
|     | <i>Other:</i>  | <i>Other Financial Resources:</i>                                     |                    |                                 |

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

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|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>21.</b> | <b>Work Experience: List most recent or pertinent work experience (including all Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Fields)</b>  |                                  |                   |                 |
|            | <b>Name of Company</b>  | <b>Position/Duties Performed</b> | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> |
| <b>a.</b>  |   |                                  |                   |                 |
| <b>b.</b>  |   |                                  |                   |                 |
| <b>c.</b>  |   |                                  |                   |                 |
| <b>d.</b>  |   |                                  |                   |                 |
| <b>22.</b> | <p>Letter of Recommendation: Please have one (1) letter written by instructor, mentor, coach, employer, club advisor, and/or religious leader. The letter of recommendation should be sent to Tyler Butler, MCFB Scholarship Committee Chairperson via email, <a href="mailto:mcfbscholarship@gmail.com">mcfbscholarship@gmail.com</a> or by mail, P.O. Box 217, Damascus, Maryland 20872. Letters need to be received by Friday, May 17, 2024. <i>Letters must be sent by references.</i></p> <p>Letters must be written by a person qualified to attest to your abilities, character, and interests. <i>Instructions for Letter of Recommendation Sheet attached, for your convenience.</i></p> |                                  |                   |                 |
| <b>23.</b> | <p>Essay: Please provide a response to the following question:</p> <p><b>Briefly describe your connection to agriculture and explain, in your opinion, what the biggest issue Montgomery County Agriculture is facing.</b></p> <p>The essay should not exceed 500 words and should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced, and one inch margins.</p>   |                                  |                   |                 |

**Application Deadline: Friday, May 17, 2024**  
**Send all Materials to [mcfbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mcfbscholarship@gmail.com)**

- *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 and/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 questions that is 500 words or less.

**Statement of Accuracy:**

I hereby affirm that all 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 used to ask for a letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to your suitability as an applicant for this scholarship. Reference letters must be emailed and/or mailed to Tyler Butler, MCFB Scholarship Committee Chairperson by Friday, May 17, 2024.*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Reference's Name)

I am applying for the 2024 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](mailto:mcfbscholarship@gmail.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 217, Damascus, Maryland 20872, by Friday, May 17, 2024. Please include your full name, title, telephone number, and address.

Please let me know if you have any questions/

Thank you,

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(Applicant's Name)