

SUMMIT COUNTY FARM BUREAU
ROBERT H. ECKART MEMORIAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP*

The Robert H. Eckart Memorial Academic Scholarship (the “Scholarship Fund”) was created by the Summit County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”), and shall be managed and administered in accordance with the Summit County Farm Bureau’s practices, policies, and procedures. Scholarships will be awarded at the sole and unchallengeable discretion of the Trustees by proper resolution, with consideration given to the advice and recommendations of the Summit County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee (the “Committee”).

Robert H. Eckert was a farmer and lifelong resident of Copley, Ohio. As a local farmer, Bob supported the area’s agricultural community by serving as Secretary of the Summit County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees, taking meticulous notes for years. In addition to his role as a farmer and an active member of the Summit County Farm Bureau, Bob also drove a school bus for the Copley Public Schools for many years. Bob’s involvement with his charges went beyond safely delivering them to their intended destination each school day. He also hired many of these students to work on his farm after school hours and during summer vacations. There, he was a patient educator intent on teaching those who wanted to learn what he knew about farming, working the land, and animal husbandry. Not surprisingly, when Bob passed away, former students lined up outside the funeral home to pay their respects to the man who had been both their friend and teacher. Not long after his passing, the Summit County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees voted to create an academic scholarship program in honor of Bob’s memory.

The following specific provisions shall apply to the Scholarship Fund:

1. Each scholarship, if granted, will be limited to no more than four academic years.
2. Any individual having previously received a scholarship award through this Scholarship Fund shall neither apply for nor receive any future scholarship award under the provisions of this Scholarship Fund.
3. Recipient(s) will be required to demonstrate continuing eligibility to receive any scholarship granted.
4. Recipient(s) must maintain no lower than the following Grade Point Average in order to maintain eligibility for renewal of any scholarship granted:

End of first academic year of study:	2.50
End of second academic year of study:	2.75
End of third academic year of study:	3.00
5. Any recipient failing to meet the minimum requirements in any given academic year may re-apply to the Trustees in the next academic year. The scholarship may be renewed once the recipient’s Grade Point Average has reached or exceeded the minimum requirement applicable to that academic year of study.
6. Recipient(s) must be registered as a full time student at a duly accredited University or College approved by the Trustees, pursuing any level of degree study.
7. Recipient must submit an application to the Trustees in the format as prescribed by the Trustees, through the Summit County Farm Bureau administrative office, not later than the 1st day of March of the academic year commencing the following fall, or by such date as may be designated by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Selection of recipient(s) by the Trustees, if any, may be made each year after the 1st day of March of the academic year commencing the following fall.
9. Any scholarship applicant must be a member of the Summit County Farm Bureau, with the exception of the following:
 - a) active and participating members of the Summit County Farm Bureau Youth Group whose parents are members of the Summit County Farm Bureau are eligible to apply regardless of county residence, or
 - b) an applicant intending to enter into an agricultural field of study need not be a member of the Summit County Farm Bureau, but shall be encouraged to become a member.
10. The Trustees are vested with the sole and unchallengeable discretion to award any scholarship, by proper resolution, with consideration given to the advice and recommendations of the Summit County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee, as it may be comprised.
11. Scholarship recipients shall be encouraged by the Trustees to annually contribute to the Scholarship Fund following their graduation to further the goals and ideals of the Summit County Farm Bureau and the Scholarship Fund, and to allow the Scholarship Fund to become a continuing and continuous resource available to future scholars.
12. The Trustees may, in their sole and unchallengeable discretion and without notice, suspend, modify, amend, terminate, discontinue, or otherwise alter any and all terms, conditions, policies, or procedures relating to the Scholarship Fund.

*As amended by proper Resolution of the Summit County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees adopted January 7, 2004, and effective September 1, 2003.

SUMMIT COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ High School Attended _____
Permanent Address _____ Date of Graduation _____
_____ Approximate Class Rank _____ of _____
County _____ Cumulative GPA _____ on _____ scale
Phone _____ If in college, please include that information, as well.
Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
Occupation _____ Occupation _____
Number of Brothers _____ Number of Sisters _____

My family is a member of Summit County Farm Bureau? Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

Do you have experience living or working on a farm? Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

Have you worked in an Ag related situation? Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

Activities* – List membership and offices held in school, church, extra curricular; ie. sports, music, dance, etc. and community organizations with the most recent experience first.

Organization, Group, Activity _____ **Office/Participation** _____

Volunteer Experiences _____ **Participation/Hours per Month** _____

Farm Bureau Volunteer Experience _____ **Participation** _____

Paid Work Experiences _____ **Participation/Hours Per Month** _____

Academic Honors – List academic awards and honors earned with the most recent first.

Non-academic Honors – List non-academic awards and honors earned with the most recent first.

Please explain on separate page/pages.

Intended Field of Study _____ **Intended School** _____

Occupational Objective _____

- On a separate page, please provide a brief description of your career objectives and an essay indicating why you feel the scholarship committee should select you as a scholarship recipient.
- Attach a copy of your current school transcript.
- Attach at least one (1) letter of reference.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Applicant

All application materials must be submitted by March 1, 2025 to:
Scholarship Committee, Summit County Farm Bureau – 8460 Ridge Rd. North Royalton, OH 44133