



## FFA Scholarship - 2026

Legence Bank & American Farm Mortgage will be awarding [SIX scholarships](#) to high school seniors in southern Illinois and southern Indiana. The value of each scholarship is \$1,000.00. The deadline for applying is [Friday, March 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.](#) The scholarship recipient will be recognized at each High School's Honor's Day Ceremony. If possible, a Legence Bank representative will present the scholarship to the recipient.

### General Scholarship Information:

- Scholarship Amount - **\$1,000**
- Application and written essay should be emailed to [Jessica Grinnell at jgrinnell@legencebank.com](mailto:jgrinnell@legencebank.com).
- Recipient will receive the scholarship money in their first semester.
- The scholarship money will be sent directly to the school to be applied for tuition, technology required by instructor and/or books.
- The recipient will be recognized on Honors Day at the High School they are currently attending.
- The winner will be chosen without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, sex or gender.

### Scholarship Requirements:

- Recipient must demonstrate moderate to significant financial need.
- Recipient must have a "B" average
- Recipient must be accepted as a full-time student into a trade/vocational school, junior/community college, or a four-year college/university.
- Recipient must attend a southern Illinois or southern Indiana trade/vocational school or,
- Recipient must attend one of the following southern Illinois or southern Indiana junior/community colleges or, four -year institution
  - Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
  - University of Southern Indiana
  - University of Evansville
  - Shawnee Community College
  - Southeastern Illinois College
  - Rend Lake College
  - John A. Logan College



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### Application:

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Vocational School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Field/Curriculum pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to receive this scholarship, how would you utilize the funds?

\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership roles and positions held:

\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities and community services:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Need:

Total Family Income (Combined):

*Place an X on the appropriate income category*

☐ \$24,999 or less

☐ \$25,000 - \$49,999

☐ \$50,000 - \$74,999

☐ \$75,000 - \$99,999

☐ \$100,000 or over

As part of your application, your guidance counselor will need to complete the **FINANCIAL NEED QUESTIONNAIRE** found on our website at [LegenceBank.com/about/scholarships.html](http://LegenceBank.com/about/scholarships.html)

## Written Essay:

Please write a one-page essay on the following prompt:

How has your FFA experience inspired you to serve your community and contribute to the future of agriculture? Share specific examples of your impact and plans for the future.

*Length of the essay should not to exceed one page; double spaced, using Times New Roman font, and 10-12-point size.*

## Signatures:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this application. We wish you much success as you pursue your future educational goals. Please contact Jessica Grinnell if you have any questions!

## Jessica Grinnell

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