



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.**
- 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

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 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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