

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU
P.O. Box 309
Helix, Oregon 97835

Thank you for your interest in The Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau's Annual Scholarship. In case you are unfamiliar with Oregon Farm Bureau, we would like to provide you with its history and the value this national organization has on the agricultural community, and the commodities we produce.

Oregon Farm Bureau was founded right here in Umatilla County in 1909 by a group of local farmers who knew they had to bond together to succeed in the occupation. A state organization followed suit and organized in 1932. Oregon Farm Bureau is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the interest of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. With nearly 7,000 member families professionally engaged in agriculture, Farm Bureau is Oregon's largest general agriculture advocacy organization, representing all farm sizes, production methods and commodities. Our ultimate aim is the survival, success, and sustainability of family farms and ranches in Oregon. If you are still curious and want to learn more or would like to become a member, please visit oregonfb.org.

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Students will be selected by a scholarship committee of UMCFB board members.

Successful applicants will be selected based on accomplishments and need. It is not necessary for a family member to be a member of UMCFB, nor is a high GPA a requirement. Emphasis will be placed on ability, personal goals, school and community participation and citizenship.

Scholarship applications are available at all Umatilla and Morrow County High Schools, and can also be accessed at <https://oregonfb.org/scholarships/> searching Umatilla/Morrow County Scholarship. All applications must be printed and returned with required documents to the address below by **April 15, 2025**. Please closely follow the directions set forth by the scholarship committee on what information is to be included with the application. Please **DO NOT** add extra pages; list only the top five activities, employment opportunities, community service, leadership roles and recognition in each of the categories that were the most influential or where you were most active. We **DO NOT** accept Letters of Recommendation. Please be certain the application you are submitting is the **2025** version, as the essay topic changes every year.

All essays submitted will be subjected to a process to assure that they are of original content and **NOT** the product of Artificial General Intelligence. Any application found to be in violation will be immediately discarded.

For more information, contact the UMCFB Scholarship Committee in care of:

Julia Spratling

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UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2025 Scholarship Application

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FULL NAME: _____ **Age:** _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Names / Ages of Siblings: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

High School FFA / Counselor's Name: _____ Current GPA: _____

If you are currently enrolled in college level courses, how many college credits will you complete by June 2025? _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Trade School / College / University you will attend in fall 2025: _____

If unknown, please list the trade schools / colleges / universities you have applied to in order of attendance preference:

Trade School / College / University	Accepted	Trade School / College / University	Accepted
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.	<input type="checkbox"/>

College Major / Minor (anticipated or declared): _____

Anticipated Career: _____

ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, AND RECOGNITION

List your activities, leadership positions, etc., in the spaces below. If you have more than five potential entries for each category, consider listing the five that were most influential or where you were most active.

EMPLOYMENT

List jobs you held while in high school, starting with the most recent. Include work on your family’s farm, ranch, or orchard even if unpaid.

Employer (Company Name)	Job Duties	# of Hours per Week	Dates

VOLUNTEER WORK / COMMUNITY SERVICE

List the community service projects for which you have volunteered. Please total hours for each year involved and list the grand total in the box provided.

Group	Activity	Total # of Hours	School Year(s) (e.g. 9, 10, 11, 12)

SCHOOL / COMMUNITY GROUP INVOLVEMENT

List your extracurricular activities (sports teams, church groups, music groups, clubs, etc.).

Activity	School Year(s) (e.g. 9, 10, 11, 12)

LEADERSHIP ROLES

List your elected and non-elected leadership positions held through your high school, community, or other groups (i.e. ASB officer, club officer, committee role, church role, etc.).

Group	Leadership Position	School Year(s) (e.g. 9, 10, 11, 12)

AWARDS / RECOGNITION

List awards you have received. Awards may include those for academics, attendance, team involvement, drama, etc. from your school, community service clubs, etc.

Group	Award	School Year(s) (e.g. 9, 10, 11, 12)

Is your family a member of the Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau? _____

(Note: This is not a requirement for scholarship eligibility)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following items must accompany your application:

- High School Transcript:** An official transcript of high school credits.
- Essay:** Submit a single-page essay (typed, not to exceed 600 words) addressing the topic listed below. Please pay attention to grammar and sentence composition.

Topic: Write a brief essay on the following topic: "Tell us what experiences have influenced your career path to enter agriculture at a time that it is over-criticized and underappreciated?"

The information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The attached essay is of my own original work for this scholarship application. I agree to allow my name to accompany the official announcement of scholarship recipients in local newspaper(s).

Signature: _____ **Print Your Name:** _____

Date: _____

This application and all attachments must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2025 and sent to:

UMCFB SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
C/O Julia Spratling
P.O. Box 309
Helix, OR 97835

For further information please contact the UMCFB Scholarship Committee in care of Julia Spratling at (541) 457-6045.

Note:
The payment of scholarship funds will be made following the receipt of a copy of the first term grade transcripts from the recipient's chosen school; along with documentation that the recipient has enrolled for a second term. All scholarship monies must be claimed within one year of being awarded. If the major or school of higher education chosen by the recipient changes, final award is subject to the approval of the Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee.