



## **SEDGWICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES**

Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association will award six scholarships this year. Four scholarships will have an annual value of \$1,000.00, renewable for three years, for a potential value of \$4,000.00 each. These will be for students attending a four-year college or university with priority to those enrolled at Kansas institutions. Two scholarships will have an annual value of \$500.00 for a potential value of \$1,000.00 each. These scholarships will be for students attending a two-year college or vocational school.

In the event there are not enough qualified applicants for each monetary amount of scholarship the SCFBAA scholarship committee may re-allocate the dollars as it deems appropriate.

1. Applicant must be a high school senior.
2. Applicant or their parent(s) must be a member in good standing of the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association. The membership must have been in effect on January 1 of the year in which the scholarship is applied for.
3. Should the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association membership lapse during the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will terminate.
4. Applicants must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or better.
5. Applications must be received in the Farm Bureau office by March 1 of the award year, unless otherwise indicated.
6. Applications, along with the scholarship guidelines, will be mailed to all Sedgwick County high schools, FFA chapters and 4-H clubs. It will also be available online at [SedgwickCountyFarmBureau.org](http://SedgwickCountyFarmBureau.org) and in hard copy at the Farm Bureau office. When using the electronic application, please maintain the same format and length of the application.

In the awarding of the scholarships, preference will be given in order:

1. Applicants who will enroll in agriculture, home economics or related fields deemed appropriate by scholarship committee.
2. Applicants who will attend a four-year Kansas college or university.
3. Applicants who will attend a two-year Kansas college or vocational school.

4. Students majoring in agriculture or home economics who will attend an out-of-state four-year college or university.
5. Candidates who have a good working knowledge of the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications, keeping in mind the above priorities, and select finalists to be interviewed.

The Committee will recommend six finalists to the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association Board of Directors for their approval as scholarship recipients. If there are a number of prior year scholarships recipients who have not maintained their eligibility for renewal, and consequently funds are available, the Scholarship Committee may be asked to recommend additional recipients for Board consideration.

Students selected for the scholarships will be notified in writing. Students not selected for a scholarship will also be notified in writing of the decision.

The Scholarship Committee will review all scholarship holders on an annual basis. Students on scholarship will receive written notice, on or about May 10 of each year, reminding them of their responsibility to send a certified copy of their college transcript to the Scholarship Committee.

#### **GUIDELINES for SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL**

In order for scholarships to be renewed, the students must meet the following requirements:

1. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA over all subjects by the end of each academic year.
2. Must be considered a full-time student (a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester).
3. Submit a certified copy of their college transcript on or before July 1 of each year. This is the student's responsibility. They must submit a copy of their transcript even if they did not maintain the 3.0 GPA if they wish to reapply for scholarship resumption in the future. If a transcript is not received on or before July 1 of each year, the scholarship will be denied.
4. The students will receive written notice that the scholarship has been renewed or denied.
5. The annual scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university's financial aid office. The school will be directed to disburse half of the funds for each semester to the student.
6. The Scholarship is intended to benefit a student seeking to complete a bachelor's degree in the normal four year time period. An additional year may be granted in the event of illness or a family tragedy, but the student must notify the Committee in writing of the circumstances and request the additional year.
7. The scholarship will be discontinued should the student withdraw, leave or be dismissed from school (except in the case of illness or personal tragedy).
8. In the event that a student transfers from one school to another, the cumulative GPA will be derived from the actual credits that are transferable and accepted at the new school. This is the same basis that the new school will use in computing the GPA.

These scholarships will be awarded annually as long as determined feasible by the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association.