



DATE: September 8, 2015

TO: High School Guidance Counselors
Cooperative Managers
South Dakota Farmers Union Education Directors
South Dakota Farmers Union Board of Directors
Farmers Union Service Association Insurance Agents
Farmers Union County Presidents and Secretaries
Farmers Union Youth

FROM: Bonnie Geyer, State Education Director
South Dakota Farmers Union

RE: South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation Scholarship Program

The South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation takes pride in announcing the availability of scholarships to applicants whose parents are members of South Dakota Farmers Union. Eligible youth include high school seniors who will be freshmen at a post-secondary institution of higher learning and those currently in their freshman year of school at the post-secondary level. Preference will be given to high school seniors in awarding the scholarships. Applicants do need to plan to attend an in-state post-secondary school in order to apply for a scholarship.

Enclosed please find a scholarship application form which can be reproduced. An application can also be obtained by visiting www.sdfu.org. There will be three scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 (\$500 each) awarded to eligible young people for the year 2016.

The applications are due DECEMBER 1, 2015 and should be returned to:
South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation
Scholarship Committee
Box 1388
Huron, SD 57350-1388

Please share this information with individuals who are qualified to apply. We appreciate your cooperation in promoting educational opportunities for our youth. The South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation believes that education is the foundation from which our future leaders come.

Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated. Please feel free to call (605) 352-6761, Ext. 125 if you have any questions concerning the scholarship application, eligibility, or process or visit our website at www.sdfu.org.



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Current Paid Member

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation Scholarship Program

**(Applicant's parents must be current members of South Dakota Farmers Union
and Applicant must plan to attend an in-state post secondary school)**

Applicant' Name (Please Print)

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Address

Parent/Guardian Occupation

City State Zip

Address

Phone

City State Zip

Email

Phone

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

1. In your view, what is the South Dakota Farmers Union?

2. How do local cooperatives serve rural South Dakotans and what is their significant difference in relationship to other local businesses?

3. Describe and/or list the school and community programs and activities in which you participate, including any elected or appointed positions you may hold.

4. Describe your need for the scholarship.

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5. In 70 words or less, answer the following question: "What is your future vocation and how do you feel it is important for rural America?"

6. Describe and/or list the Farmers Union activities in which **you and your family** have participated. Include Farmers Union offices held, conventions and special activities. **Be specific.**

7. Please indicate below the Farmers Union activities and achievements that you have participated in and/or received.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Achievement Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Year Senior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Year Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Torchbearer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Year Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> JAC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Year Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> SAC |
| | Other Activities _____ |

8. Please have a Letter of Recommendation sent from one of the following:

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| _____ Principal | _____ Superintendent | _____ Counselor |
| _____ Teacher | _____ College Advisor/Teacher | |

9. The following items must be submitted with this application:

- _____ Transcript of high school or college grades
- _____ Letter of Recommendation
- _____ Billfold size portrait picture (please submit a quality picture as scholarship recipients' pictures are published in the Union Farmer and sent to their local paper.)

10. Please list the University, College or Vo-Tech you plan to attend.

SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BY DECEMBER 1, 2015 TO:
South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation
Scholarship Committee
Attn: Bonnie Geyer, Education Director
PO Box 1388
Huron, South Dakota 57350
Phone (605) 352-6761/Fax (605) 352-6768

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Applicant Signature

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED