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"AT THE HEART OF A GROWING AMERICA" SCHOLARSHIP

1st Farm Credit Services is pleased to offer the "At the Heart Of A Growing America" Agricultural Scholarship Program. The scholarships will assist deserving high school seniors to further their education in an agriculture or rural life-related field of study.

PROGRAM

Provides up to 24 individual \$1,000 scholarships to students within the 42-county services territory of 1st Farm Credit Services.

ELIGIBILITY

Graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an agriculture or agriculture-related curriculum at a university, college or community college and either reside or attend high school within 1st Farm Credit Services' service territory.* Agriculture-related fields include those that would contribute to the quality of rural life for people living in rural areas, or for those who want to return to a rural area to work in any field.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection will be based on a combination of academic achievement, community and agricultural youth organization involvement and brief essays. Applicants will be judged by a panel of independent agribusiness, education, youth and farm organization leaders.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Qualifying students may obtain an application online (PDF or Word format) at www.1stfarmcredit.com or through a local 1st Farm Credit Services office.

Return completed typed application, typed essays, high school transcripts and a recent photo (head and shoulder preferred -- with name printed on back) to a local 1st Farm Credit Services office, or mail directly to 1st Farm Credit Services Scholarship Program, Karen Blatter, 2000 Jacobssen Drive, Normal, IL 61761. For the address of the nearest 1st Farm Credit Services office, call (800) 444-FARM or visit www.1stfarmcredit.com. For more information contact your local branch or Karen Blatter at (309) 268-0254.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received no later than February 16, 2010



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*Services Territory: Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Carroll, Cook (Including the Chicago High School for Agriculture Sciences), DeKalb, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Hancock, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Mercer, Ogle, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago and Woodford Counties.



**"At The Heart Of A Growing America"
 Scholarship Application**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED – DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Applicant's Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
County of Residence	Home Phone ()	Email Address
Parents' Names		
Name of High School		
Address		Composite ACT Score _____
City		Cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____
State	Zip	Class Rank _____ out of _____ Students
High School Phone ()		Graduation Date
University, College or Community College		
Course of Study (major)		

INVOLVEMENT

Please describe your involvement in community and agricultural youth organizations (4-H, FFA) and other leadership activities. (Please provide your involvement in a list format).

GOALS

Please describe your career plans using your studies and talents. What are your long-range personal and career goals? (Maximum of 150 words)

Please answer essays 1 and 2 on separate sheets.

ESSAY 1:

Describe a current issue facing Illinois' agricultural industry and how your career in agriculture would address that issue (minimum of 250 words and maximum of 500 words).

ESSAY 2:

Explain what you feel will be the role of farmers in the agricultural industry in 2030 (minimum of 100 words and maximum of 300 words).

Please remember to attach a copy of your high school transcript and also send a color photo (preferably a head-and-shoulders portrait). POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS REQUEST.

INFORMATION AND PHOTO USE AUTHORIZATION

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned give 1st Farm Credit Services the absolute and irrevocable right to copyright, use and publish Applicant's photograph; likeness; name; and any information disclosed in Applicant's Agricultural Scholarship Program Application and any subsequent communications related to the Scholarship, except for Applicant's social security number, grade point average or standardized test scores. Such use may include, but is not be limited to: publishing such materials in Farm Credit publications, advertisements, and/or on www.usfarmcredit.com or a related Farm Credit web site, or providing such materials to publications of general circulation such as newspapers.

As a required part of your application, please write, sign and date your name below, have your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) write, sign, and date, and have a School Official write, sign and date.

Written Name of Applicant	Signature of Applicant	Date
Written Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
Written Name of School Official (Principal or guidance counselor)	Signature of School Official (Principal or guidance counselor)	Date