

2019 Rock Island County Farm Bureau®

Foundation Scholarship Guidelines
Keppy Scholarship Guidelines
Fowler Scholarship Guidelines
George & Irene Stulz Family Scholarship Guidelines

- Foundation Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors (Awarded by the RICFB Foundation)-Amounts TBD
- Keppy Scholarships for College Students and High School Seniors (Awarded by the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation)-Amounts TBD
- Bernice E Fowler Memorial Scholarship for a Rockridge High School senior or graduated student pursuing a degree in education (Awarded by the Bernice E. Fowler Memorial Fund)
- George & Irene Stulz Family Scholarship for a current College Sophomore or Junior (Awarded by the George & Irene Stulz Family)

These Scholarships will be awarded according to the following criteria:

1. The Scholarship will be credited to the school account of the individual selected and enrolled in any technical/trade program, community college or undergraduate bachelor's degree program. ***The Keppy Scholarship Award will be split between the first and second semesters with proof of current class schedule. The amount of the Keppy Scholarship is yet to be determined. Previous Keppy Scholarship Winners are ineligible from receiving the Keppy Scholarship in the future.***
2. ***Applicant must be a current member or dependent of a member in good standing of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau since January 2018.*** (Note - your membership must be paid in full thru January 1, 2020, which is the 2019 membership year, prior to your completion of this application.)
3. Applicant can be majoring in any field; major does not have to be Ag related. However, for those attending the College of Agriculture or Agriculture Department should submit a letter from the Dean or Academic Advisor indicating their acceptance into the respective major. *The Bernice Fowler scholarship is the exception. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in education.
4. ***Complete applications and recommendation letters must be in the Farm Bureau office at 4:00 p.m. on March 29, 2019.*** It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will be judged accordingly. Applications must be typed. Scholarship applications are available at www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation.
5. Personal interviews of the Keppy Scholarship applicants may be requested. The interviews will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation.
6. Criteria for selection will be achievements in agriculture activities, leadership in school and the community, scholastic achievement, and financial need. Please be as specific as possible, points will be given for each question answered.
7. Applicants must be a student in good academic standing.
8. ***Applicants also understand that the application will not be complete until the letter(s) of recommendation and transcripts are received no later than the deadline date. NO MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED.***
9. All applicants applying for the Keppy Scholarship should be aware that they may be asked for an oral interview in person or via skype during the week of April 15, 2019 and failure to attend the interview may result in points deducted from the total score which could affect their ability to receive the Keppy Scholarship.

10. An Award Luncheon for all 2019 Scholarship winners will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. and if selected as a winner, those parents and winners are asked to attend the luncheon sponsored by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau® Foundation.
11. If the student withdraws, drops out of school OR drops below fulltime status, the monies from the Foundation will be payable back to the Foundation.
12. Any portion of the scholarship that is not used for any reason will be returned to the Foundation.
13. Scholarship applications **MUST BE (ELECTONICALLY) SIGNED AND DATED** to qualify.

Scholarship Checklist

- Application (signed and dated/submitted on the website)
- Letter of Acceptance
- High School Transcript
- College Transcript (if applicable)
- Essay (not applicable for the Fowler Scholarship or Stulz Scholarship)
- Additional Information (if applicable)
- Reference letter
- Post College Careers Goals (Stulz Only)
- Headshot (Stulz Only)

Reference Letter should be sent to:

Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1601 52nd Ave, Suite 3
Moline, IL 61265