

2024 Rock Island County Farm Bureau® Foundation 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
- Kenneth Bush Memorial Scholarship for a High School Senior (Awarded by the Marilyn Bush Family) - \$2,000
- George & Irene Stulz Family Scholarship to be awarded to College Junior or Senior (Awarded by the George & Irene Stulz Family)-\$1,000

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. ***All Scholarship Awards will be split between the first and second semesters with proof of current class schedule.***
2. ***Previous Keppy Scholarship Winners are ineligible from receiving the Keppy Scholarship in the future. Also, previous Stulz Scholarship Winners are ineligible from receiving the Stulz Scholarship in the future.***
3. Applicant can be majoring in any field; major does not have to be Agriculture related.
4. Applicant must be a student in good academic standing.
5. ***Complete applications must be submitted online by 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2024.*** It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will be judged accordingly. Applications must be submitted online. All required documents (except reference letter) must be submitted with application. ***Applicants also understand that the application will not be complete until the letter(s) of recommendation are received. Letter of recommendation must be postmarked by the deadline date. NO MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED.***
6. Scholarship application link is available at www.ricofarmbureau.org/scholarships.
7. 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.
8. 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. This interview may be in person or via skype during the week of April 8, 2024 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.
9. An Award Luncheon for all 2024 Scholarship winners is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 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.
10. 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.

11. Any portion of the scholarship that is not used for any reason will be returned to the Foundation.
12. Scholarship applications **MUST BE (ELECTONICALLY) SIGNED AND DATED** to qualify.

Scholarship Checklist

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

Reference Letter should be sent to:

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