BUENA S. BOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026-2027

AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky

The AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky's scholarship program provides funding through an education reimbursement** for undergraduate students from Kentucky who major in agriculture or other agriculture-related field. ABAK offers four (4) one-time scholarships in the amount of $1,000 (paid in two equal installments of $500 upon proof of completion of each semester's studies via OFFICIAL transcript). The scholarships are based on merit as well as financial need.

**Please note that the scholarship process has changed from a traditional scholarship award to an education reimbursement. Instead of the monetary award being sent directly to the school prior to the semester, the award will be sent directly to the student at the end of the semester after the student provides an official transcript of grades.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must submit the following information prior to the postmark deadline:

- A completed copy of the application form
- Copy of your most recent official transcript *(high school or college)*
- Copy of Acceptance Letter and/or Proof of Enrollment in postsecondary school
- Two required essays *(500 words or less)*. The essay topics are:
  - *Why did you decide to major in agriculture and what do you think the future holds for agriculture in the U.S. and the world?*
  - *How will this scholarship impact you financially*?
- Two letters of recommendation

The applicant also must meet the following qualifications:

(1) Be accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate in a post-secondary institution (public or private college or university, or vocational technical school) for the fall semester of the upcoming school year.
(2) Be a Kentucky resident.
(3) Have a declared major in an agricultural related field of study or be accepted into an agricultural study program.
(4) Past recipients of the ABAK scholarship are **NOT** eligible.

APPLICATIONS AND DUE DATE

The application is available for download from the ABAK website: **www.kyagbusiness.org**.

Postmark deadline is **April 15 , 2026**.

Mail application and supporting materials to:

AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky
Scholarship Committee
340 Democrat Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Applicant's Name		Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number	
Address		County of Residence	
City		State	Zip
Email Address	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Name of Parent or Guardian			
Are you or any member of your family currently affiliated with the AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky?		☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, name of member & how affiliated to the ABAK:		Relationship to Applicant:	
Name of High School			
Address		Composite ACT or SAT Score _____	
City		Cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____	
State	Zip	Class Rank _____ out of _____ Students	
High School Phone		High School Graduation Date	
Name of College, University, or Postsecondary School			
Address		City, State, Zip	
Major Course of Study		Minor Course of Study (if applicable)	
Postsecondary GPA (if currently enrolled)		Current Year in Postsecondary School (i.e., sophomore)	

Involvement

Please tell us about your involvement in organizations, clubs, community, and other leadership and volunteerism activities. List any offices held. *(Additional pages are acceptable)*

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Scholarships/Honors/Awards

Please list all scholarships, honors, awards you have received. *(Additional pages are acceptable)*

Employment

Please list your employment history and give a brief description of your job duties in each job position. (Additional pages are acceptable)

Essay Questions

Be creative and innovative in your responses. *Maximum of 500 words on separate sheets.*

1. Why did you decide to study agriculture and what do you think the future holds for agriculture in the U.S. and the world?

2. How will this scholarship impact you financially?

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Signatures

As a required part of your application, please print and sign your name below, as well as the date, and have your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) print, sign, and date.

Printed Name of Applicant	Signature of Applicant	Date
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
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