

2024 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship

Purpose

The Thornton FFA Scholarship was established in 1991 to encourage FFA members in the state of Oregon to pursue higher educational opportunities in agriculture with the ultimate goal of seeking a degree in agriculture. The Thornton family hopes that this scholarship will encourage people to physically work toward their goals and to responsibly contribute to excellence in production agriculture.

Criteria

1. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and be enrolled full time (12 or more credits on the quarter system) in an Oregon community college or university either as undergraduates majoring in an eligible agriculture degree or master's degree students majoring in agricultural education planning to teach in Oregon.

Eligible undergraduate degree programs include agriculture production and sciences, agriculture education, and agriculture business degrees, including, but not limited to the following: agricultural production, crop/plant sciences, animal sciences, range sciences, soil sciences, agricultural sciences, agricultural education/leadership, agricultural business/economics, precision agriculture, and pre-veterinary science/medicine.

Forestry, fisheries, wildlife, natural resources, marijuana/hemp/hop production, food science, viticulture, enology (wine making), and zymology (fermentation science) are not eligible majors or career pathways for this scholarship.

2. Student selection shall be limited to Oregon high school graduates who completed a minimum of two years in an Oregon Agricultural Sciences and Technology Program (vocational agriculture) with membership in an Oregon high school FFA chapter at least their junior and senior years.
3. Students must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
4. If equally qualified, a preference shall be given to students from the Yamhill-Carlton FFA program, then to students from Yamhill County, then to students from Polk County, then to students throughout the state of Oregon.
5. Recipients are eligible to receive the Thornton FFA Scholarship three times if they reapply and are reselected. If reapplying, please **significantly change your applications** by updating the financial section, adding recent pictures, updating your activities page, refreshing essays 2 and 3, and including current reference letters that highlight endeavors from the most recent year. Please ensure you are using the current year's application.
6. Agricultural interest, scholarship, service, honesty, integrity, initiative, and determination as evidenced through school, jobs, community activities and FFA participation will be major deciding factors in the final selection.

Award Information

Student recipients will receive their scholarship in one payment to their college account spring term of the current school year, contingent upon verification of full-time enrollment and the Thornton Family's receipt of a thank you note within 30 days of scholarship award notification. **The donor mailing address will be provided via email to scholarship nominees.**

Questions

If you have questions about the scholarship, application process or eligibility, please email witnesstree@eoni.com. Indicate Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship as the email subject.

Application Process

Read all instructions. Answer all questions. Submit application, including required attachments in order **compiled into a single PDF file**. Use an online PDF combination tool to combine files if needed.

Email must be sent no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Email applications to:

AG.Education@oregonstate.edu

Include "Thornton FFA Scholarship, *YOUR NAME*" in the subject line of the email.

2024 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship Application

Application Type, please select one:

- Undergraduate Applicant
 Agriculture Education Master's Program Applicant (planning to teach in Oregon)

Full Name				Birth Date			
Current Address							
City		State		Zip			
Phone Number				Email Address			
Residence Growing Up:	Rural Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/>	List any year(s) you have applied for this scholarship.				List any year(s) you have received this scholarship.	
Are you a US citizen or legal permanent resident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Were you a member in an Oregon FFA Program for a minimum of your junior and senior years?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Years as a paid FFA member	Middle School		High School		Alumni/Collegiate		
FFA Chapter			FFA Chapter Advisor				
High School City			High School County				
High School Name				High School Graduation Date			
High School GPA*							
Senior Year Class Ranking	_____ out of _____ students						
Current College Name				College Undergraduate GPA*			
Degree Pursued: e.g.: A.S., B.S, B.A.		Terms Completed at Current College			Class Standing e.g.: Jr., Sr.		
Major				Minor			
Expected Graduation Date		Credits taken this term		Credits you will be taking Spring Term		College Student ID Number	
Other colleges you have attended:				Terms Completed			
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*Please use accumulated GPA on a 4.0 scale or note otherwise.

FFA ACTIVITIES

Highest FFA Degree Awarded

Supervised Agricultural Experience(s)

List a maximum of six major FFA activities and the level of participation in each.

Activity	Year in School (Fr, So, Jr, or Sr)	Chapter	District	State	National

AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

List your six most important agriculture activities and memberships **for the last four calendar years**. Please include any offices held.

Activity	Date(s) e.g. March-May 2018 or March 2018 – August 2019

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List your six most important community, service and church activities **in the last four calendar years**. Please include any offices held.

Activity	Date(s) e.g. March-May 2018 or March 2018 – August 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

Summarize your most important work experience and duties **in the last four calendar years**.

Work Experience	Length of Employment e.g. March-May 2018 or March 2018 – August 2019	Typical Hours Worked per Week e.g. 15 hrs/wk driving swather 20 hrs/wk computer input

In the following spaces, or on an attached paper, please write 100-200 words on each topic.

- 1. Explain which three high school FFA activities most impacted your life and why.**

- 2. Explain your long-range goals for school, employment, and life. Ten years from now, after you have graduated from college and are settled into your career, will you be in Oregon? How do you see yourself contributing to production agriculture? What specific skills are you working on now to achieve those goals?**

- 3. Help us know YOU. Tell us about your current life. Besides college classes, how do you spend your hours? Do you work, compete, pursue a hobby, have outings with friends, exercise, or just relax?**

ESTIMATED ANNUAL EXPENSES PER SCHOOL YEAR

Estimated Yearly Expenses		Briefly explain your financial philosophy and how you are paying for college. What are your long-term financial goals?
Tuition		
Books		
Housing		
Living Expenses		
Transportation		
Other		
TOTAL		

Required Documents in Order (Combine into a Single PDF File):

- Cover Page** listing your name, college currently attending, year in school, college major, your hometown, and the date of submission.
- Optional:** One page of current and past pictures showing your involvement with agricultural activities. Please include the year and caption with each photo and your name and college at the top of the page.
- Completed application, must be signed (typed signature acceptable).**
- ONE Current One-Page Letter of Recommendation** from one of your college agriculture instructors. (Freshman applicants may have their high school FFA instructor provide this letter.)
- ONE Current One-Page Letter of Recommendation** from a recent non-relative employer. If your employer is a family member, request a letter from an adult colleague or business associate familiar with your work experience.
Note: Both recommendation letters must be dated and written within the last nine months.
- College Transcripts** for current college, listing courses, grades, credit hours, and accumulated GPA. Copies or unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- High School Transcript** only if this is your first year as a full-time college student.

Additional Information:

- Essays may be typed on a separate paper and attached, please include essay question and full name on all attachment pages (e.g. Jon Smith #1 SAE). Reminder, 100-200 words per essay, please.

Where did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? (Check all that apply)

- Instructor/Professor Email Oregon FFA Website
 College Scholarship Website Poster/Flyer Friend/Peer Other: _____

Statement of Applicant

I certify that all information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that selection committees may review information on this application and my transcripts. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this application. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____