



2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OUTLINE

About Heartland Co-op

Heartland Co-op is one of the largest grain and farm supply companies in Iowa, serving more than 6,200 members from 70+ communities in the state. Heartland Co-op is the largest employer in most of these communities with upwards of 500 full-time employees.

Objectives

The primary goal of the Scholarship Program is to encourage area youth to prepare for a career in agriculture and provide college financial assistance to dependents of Heartland Co-op members.

Scholarship Amount

Heartland Co-op will offer twelve (12) \$1,000 scholarships to full-time agriculture students in conjunction with the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Heartland Co-op Board of Directors has designated the Iowa FFA Foundation to appoint a selection committee to review the applications and rank scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Applicant shall be a Class A Heartland Co-op Member or a dependent of a Class A member at the time of application.
- Applicant shall be a full-time undergraduate student (High School Senior through College Junior) accepted into an accredited agricultural degree program at any university or college in the U.S. or any accredited 2-year agricultural program.
- Applicant shall enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of the scholarship year.
- Directors and officers of Heartland Co-op and their spouses and/or dependent children are prohibited from receiving this scholarship.
- Recipient can receive a Heartland Co-op scholarship one time only.

**** Before filling out the application, verify you are qualified by completing the checklist ****

Applicant is a Class A Heartland Co-op Member or a dependent of a Class A member at the time of application.

Applicant is a full-time undergraduate student (High School Senior through College Junior) accepted into an accredited agricultural degree program at any university or college in the U.S. or any accredited 2-year agricultural program.

Applicant will enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of the scholarship year. Applicant is not a director or officer of Heartland Co-op, nor a spouse or dependent child of one.

Applicant has never received a Heartland Co-op scholarship in the past.

Heartland Co-op Scholarship

2026– 2027 Academic Year

Heartland Co-op will offer twelve (12) scholarships of \$1,000 each through the Iowa FFA Foundation. These will be awarded to undergraduate students in two or four year college programs. Recipients will be selected according to the following criteria: 1.) outstanding leadership potential, 2.) good scholarship, and 3.) financial need. Applicant must be a full-time student that has been accepted into a college program that offers an agricultural degree at any accredited university or college in the U.S. or a two-year transferable Ag program to go on and major in an agricultural curriculum. One or more agriculture classes shall be taken each semester of the scholarship year. In addition to completing this application, two persons (not relatives) shall send a single-page, double-spaced, recommendation for you. The postmark deadline for applications and recommendations is **March 9, 2026**.

Name (first, middle, last)		<p>A PHOTO IS NEEDED FOR FOLLOW-UP PUBLICITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS</p> <p>(digital files can be emailed to akautz@heartlandcoop.com)</p>
Date of birth		
Address		
County		
Primary phone number	Secondary phone number	
Email address		
Name of parent(s) or guardian		
Father's occupation	Mother's occupation	
Name of high school	Phone number	
Heartland Co-op membership number		Name of Heartland Co-op member (applicant, parent/guardian, or corporation)
What services do you work with Heartland Co-op on at part of your operation? ____ Agronomy / Crop Protection ____ % from Heartland Co-op ____ Grain Handling ____ % from Heartland Co-op ____ Energy / Fuel ____ % from Heartland Co-op ____ Feed ____ % from Heartland Co-op ____ Credit / Financing ____ % from Heartland Co-op		Do you plan to: ____ Return to the farm after graduation? ____ Work for a cooperative after graduation? ____ Work for an agribusiness? ____ Other? Explain _____
Education and career goals		Student ID #
What is your current educational status? (Specify grade level)		What college / university will you be attending during the 2026– 2027 school year?
What is your academic major in college?		What are your career / occupational goals?

MAJOR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Name of Activity	Year	Name of Activity	Year

EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Position / Title	Period of Employment	Hours Per Week

AG OWNERSHIP

Major Enterprises	Scope	Year

List courses you have taken in high school/college which would support your interest in preparation for a career in the agricultural industry

Using a college catalog, list specific agriculture classes you plan to take during your scholarship year

FOLLOWING SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

High school cumulative grade point average	College cumulative grade point average (if applicable)
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– I verify that the above information is current at time of completion –

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

What additional scholarships / grants will you be awarded in the 2024 – 2025 academic year? (state source & amount)

Why should you be awarded a Heartland Co-op scholarship?

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR THE 2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

FFA & 4-H members, be sure to include your enterprises and/or employment experiences as other sources of income – this will be included as a financial management guide for selection committee

Expenses	Resources
Tuition & fees	Estimate savings
Room & board	Assistance from parents/relatives
Books & supplies	Loans
Clothing	Scholarships
Incidentals (transportation, recreation, laundry, misc.)	Part-time work / miscellaneous sources
TOTAL	TOTAL

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BALANCE BUDGET

Applicant's opinion on why cooperatives are important to agriculture:

This information is requested for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons outside the coordinating staff, the review committee, and the Heartland Co-op Board of Directors will be provided this information.

I authorize Heartland Co-op to release copies of this form and information about my academic record to the committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of local cooperative's Location Manager

Date

Send this application and a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to:

Heartland Co-op
Attn: April Kautz
13733 University Ave
Clive, IA 50325

OR

Email directly to April Kautz at:
akautz@heartlandcoop.com

Applications, transcripts, and recommendation letters *must* be postmarked by **March 9, 2026** to be considered.