

**GATEWAY/KEARNEY FARM EXPO SCHOLARSHIP
Guidelines & Application Information**

Please complete and attach to the required documents:

Full Name

Age

Home Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Permanent Email Address

High School (or indicate GED or "Home School")

Name of Guidance Counselor

(1st) Institution of Higher Education you plan to attend

(2nd) Institution of Higher Education you plan to attend

Planned area of study

Anticipated Degree

Non-Academic Activities (list activity, level of accomplishment, awards, etc.)

Please note, this scholarship is administered by Kearney Farm Expo.

Application and supporting material are to be mailed to:

Kearney Farm Expo

ATTN: Gateway Scholarship

PO Box 902

Kearney, NE 68848

Attach your class transcript, essay, two Statements of Character and picture to this form.

Incomplete applications, attachments, or late submission will not be accepted.

Application Deadline is March 31, 2026

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Kearney Farm Expo, Inc. the host of the Gateway Farm Expo event held each year at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, NE will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying student for the 2026/2027 academic year.

We encourage you to review the following guidelines and submit your application by March 31, 2026.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- a. Plan to be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited school or institution of higher learning for the 2026/2027 academic year.
- b. Be pursuing a degree or certificate in agriculture, which may include Production Agriculture, Agri-Business, Ag Economics, and related fields.
- c. Must be a current, graduating junior/senior or a student who has successfully completed home study at the level to enter college or who has received within the current calendar year a GED (Graduate Equivalent Degree) and be between the ages of 16 and 19.

Scholarship recipient selection shall be made from qualifying applicants based on the following criteria:

1. The submission and content of a 200-word essay or a two-minute video responding to the statement "Tell us about your passion for agriculture."
2. Involvement in non-academic activities.
3. The receipt and content of two Statements of Character: one to be completed by a member of the applicant's school administration; the other by an individual outside of the school system. Statements of Character shall not be immediate family members.
4. Submission of the applicant's class transcript; for the purpose of reviewing the curriculum completed. Grades need not be a part of the transcript.
5. Submission of the application by the deadline date of March 31, 2026.

Once selected, the student's high school guidance counselor will be notified and the announcement to the student will be made in the manner established by the school and counselor. Each applicant **MUST** submit a picture to be used by Kearney Farm Expo to announce scholarship winners.

Prior to making payment of the award, the selected student will need to provide proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning to Kearney Farm Expo, Inc. The payment will be made directly to the school upon verification of enrollment of the student.

To apply, please complete the above criteria and submit by March 31, 2026 to:

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OR the entire packet of required documents can be submitted via email to gateway@farmexpo.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the office: (308) 627-1793 or gateway@farmexpo.org.

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