National Farmers

November 6, 2026

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Steve Pavich and Frank Pries Memorial Scholarship and National Farmers Farm Kids for College Scholarship programs. Enclosed are the materials you need to apply for the scholarships. You will automatically be eligible to win both scholarships by completing the one application. Please take a minute to review all items carefully.

When you have completed the requirements for the scholarships, please submit everything to the Wisconsin NFO office by February 16, 2027. The scholarship winners will be announced by April 20, 2027. The mailing address is National Farmers, PO Box 460, Spring Green, WI 53588.

The first-place winner of the Steve Pavich and Frank Pries Scholarship winner will receive $1000 and advance to the national competition for the Farm Kids for College Scholarship. The Farm Kids for College Scholarship awarding three scholarships for $2500, $1500, and $1000 in 2027, honoring important leaders in National Farmers Organization history.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jdilley@nfo.org or (608) 643-3341.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dilley

Scholarship Coordinator

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Scholarships

To Qualify –

To be eligible for the scholarships you must:

- Be a high school senior in the U.S.
- Major in an agricultural field at an accredited college or university

In addition to the two-page application, please send:

- Typed essays, listed below
- Two letters of reference
- Official high school transcript, and official GPA
- Official ACT or SAT score
- A recent photo for use in future scholarship promotions, member publications, social media and on our web site, www.nationalfarmers.com. (It will only be used if you earn a scholarship. Photos will not be returned.)

The Essays –

As part of the application, you are required to write two essays.
The essays give our judges a picture of your understanding of complex topics in agriculture. With that in mind, please be sure to answer the questions thoroughly and to the best of your ability. Feel free to interview individuals knowledgeable in the agriculture industry, specifically in ag marketing and risk management, and use agriculture publications as sources.

1. **How can marketing production with other farmers and ranchers improve prices for grain, dairy and livestock?**

2. **Choose one strategy: Niche marketing, price risk management or price negotiation. Discuss and give examples of how that strategy can increase financial rewards on an independent farm.**
   (Total for both questions: 850 words minimum, 1,200 words maximum)

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Now here's what you do:

- Complete the application and essays
- Request References letters from teachers, activity sponsors, employers, coaches, pastors or others. Give them adequate time and politely check in with them to see if it's been done in advance of the deadline.
- Arrange for official transcripts and GPA to be sent (Reference letters, transcripts and GPA information may also be sent with your completed application and essays, but in a separate, sealed envelope or envelopes). Please have social security numbers REMOVED.
- Submit your application and accompanying materials to National Farmers, PO 460, Spring Green, WI 53588. **Materials must be postmarked by February 16, 2027.**
- Wait for announcement of winners by April 20, 2027. We'll contact you if you received a Steve Pavich and Frank Pries Memorial Scholarship or National Farm Kids for College Scholarship!
- You will automatically be eligible to win both scholarships by completing one application. The Steve Pavich and Frank Pries Scholarship first place winner will advance on to the national competition.

The Steve Pavich and Frank Pries Memorial Scholarship
Winners Receive

First Place	Second Place
$1,000	**$1,000**

Farm Kids for College Scholarship
Winners Receive

First Place	*Second Place*	*Third Place*
$2,500	**$1,500**	**$1,000**