

2023-2024 Edition

Excellence In Agriculture Scholarship Program



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Scholarship Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Landus Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program. This opportunity is offered to high school seniors in our territory who plan to obtain a post-secondary education in an agricultural-related field. These young leaders play a critical role in shaping agriculture in the coming decades.

As a cooperative, our farmer-owners and rural communities are raising not only livestock and crops that feed and fuel the world, but also the next generation of the agricultural industry. As the cost of post-secondary education rises, the goal of obtaining an advanced education is becoming harder to realize. The Landus scholarship program is designed to recognize students' academic achievements and potential while responding to the financial pressures felt by many rural families.

Landus will be awarding five (5) one-year scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. Recipients must enter an agriculture or life sciences program at the accredited post-secondary institution of their choice. Recipients will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

We sincerely hope you apply for the Landus Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship and wish you success in achieving your academic goals.



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Scholarship Application

- It is recommended that applicants read the instructions completely before completing the application.
- Do not attach supplemental materials or add a binder or cover to your response.
- Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- All information provided in this application is kept strictly confidential.
- Scholarship recipients are chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant and/or parent (guardian) must be a voting member (Class A) in good standing of Landus, account number required.
- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of the 2023/2024 school year.
- Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must pursue a career in an agriculture or life sciences field of study attending the accredited post-secondary school of their choosing.
- Dependents of directors and officers of Landus are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- The application must be postmarked or submitted online on Landus' website no later than **Friday, March 8, 2024** in order to be considered for the award.

ALL AREAS OF THE APPLICATION ARE REQUIRED:

- ☐ Applicant Information
- ☐ Activities and Work Experience
- ☐ Student Statement and Essay
- ☐ Reference Letter—to be completed by high school teacher
- ☐ Signature Page

SUBMISSION DETAILS

There are two ways to complete this application:

- Complete fillable PDF
- Complete online application on our website at:
[Landus.ag/about-us/community#ExcellenceinAgScholarshipProgram](https://landus.ag/about-us/community#ExcellenceinAgScholarshipProgram)

**Hand written applications will not be accepted.*

This application must be postmarked, hand delivered to the office of any Landus location, or submitted online no later than **March 8, 2024** in order to be considered for the award. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on or before May 6, 2024.

Mailed applications should be sent to:

Landus
Attn: Scholarship Committee
220 SW 9th St., Ste 300
Des Moines, IA 50309-4320

Questions about the Landus Excellence in Agriculture scholarship program should be directed to:
communications@landus.ag

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Landus Account Number: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School:_____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Community College: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

College or University: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Date of Enrollment: _____

What is or will be your major area of study? _____

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET

Expenses		Resources	
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	Savings	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____	Assistance from Parents, Other Relatives	\$ _____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Scholarships (Received)	\$ _____
Incidentals (Transportation, Recreation, Laundry, and Miscellaneous)	\$ _____	Part-Time Work During School Year	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Other Sources (Specify)	_____
		Total	\$ _____
		Amount Needed to Balance Budget	\$ _____

ACTIVITIES

1. List a maximum of eight major activities and your level of participation in each (offices held, committee assignments, awards, contests, etc.). Activities may include class offices or clubs, extracurricular student activities, community service, or religious activities, etc.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Describe any work experience you have had over the past four years. (Include both farm and non-farm employment and activities, along with any life lessons which have resulted from being on the job.)
 2. Briefly state your future career goals.
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STUDENT STATEMENT

In the next ten years how will you be involved in the agriculture industry?

ESSAY

Please share your belief: What value does a local cooperative bring to a rural community?



TEACHER STATEMENT AND SCHOOL SIGNATURES

Principal Name:_____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

High School Address (Street, City, State, Zip):_____

High School Phone: _____

_____ Cumulative Grade Point Average through junior year; Base grade point average on A = 4.0.

Rank in high school class: _____ out of _____ students

High School Graduation Date: _____

I certify that the above information is correct.

High School Principal _____ Date _____

OR

High School Guidance Counselor _____ Date _____

STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURES

I authorize Landus to release copies of this form to the committee designated to make the scholarship selections and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

I certify that this application is accurate and completed to best of my knowledge.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian_____ Date _____

REFERENCE LETTER

Please submit **one** signed reference letter with this application. Reference letter **must** be from applicant’s teacher.

