

FFA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GUIDELINES & PROCESS FOR EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURAL LEADERS

The Arizona FFA Foundation is proud to partner with generous donors who invest in the future of Arizona agriculture by providing scholarships to Arizona FFA members pursuing post-secondary education.

Scholarships provide students with financial assistance as they continue their education and prepare for careers in agriculture and other industries. Through the Arizona FFA Foundation, donors can establish meaningful scholarship opportunities while supporting agricultural education and FFA in Arizona.



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Scholarship Amount & Number of Awards

Donors have the flexibility to determine both the number of individual scholarships they wish to provide and the amount of each scholarship.

Scholarships are encouraged to be \$1,000 or more, with donors able to establish scholarships of \$1,000 to \$5,000 or more and select the increments that best align with their philanthropic goals.

For example, a donor may choose to provide:

- One \$5,000 scholarship
- Two \$2,500 scholarships
- Three \$2,000 scholarships
- Five \$1,000 scholarships
- Multiple scholarships at different award amounts
- Another combination of scholarship amounts that meets the donor's goals

A 15% administrative fee is added to the desired scholarship amount in accordance with Arizona FFA Foundation policy. The administrative fee supports the Foundation's costs associated with managing, administering, and stewarding the scholarship program.

Scholarship Contribution Examples

Number of Scholarships	Award Per Scholarship	Total Scholarship Awards	15% Administrative Fee	Total Donor Contribution
1	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$150	\$1,150
2	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$300	\$2,300
5	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$750	\$5,750
2	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$750	\$5,750
1	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$750	\$5,750

Donors may select the number of recipients and scholarship amount per recipient that best reflects their desired level of support.

Endowment Scholarship Opportunities

Donors who wish to create a scholarship that will continue supporting Arizona FFA members for generations may choose to establish an endowed scholarship through the Arizona FFA Foundation. An endowment provides a permanent source of scholarship support. The principal of the endowment is invested, allowing the fund to generate an annual scholarship award while preserving the long-term sustainability of the fund.

Endowment Levels

Endowments are established in \$15,000 increments. For each \$15,000 fully endowed, a \$500 perpetual scholarship will be awarded annually.

Fully Endowed Amount	Perpetual Annual Scholarship
\$15,000	\$500
\$30,000	\$1,000
\$45,000	\$1,500
\$60,000	\$2,000
\$75,000	\$2,500
\$90,000	\$3,000

The Foundation encourages donors to establish a minimum \$30,000 endowment, which will provide a \$1,000 perpetual scholarship each year.

There is no administrative fee assessed on endowment contributions.

Building an Endowment Over Time

Donors do not have to fully fund an endowment immediately. An endowment may be established through an agreement that allows the donor to contribute toward an established endowment goal over an agreed-upon period of time.

The Arizona FFA Foundation will work with the donor to establish:

- The donor's desired endowment amount
- The annual or periodic contribution amount
- A target date for reaching the endowment goal
- A timeline that is realistic for the donor's giving plans
- The scholarship name and criteria
- The anticipated timeline for the first scholarship award

One-Year Endowment Requirement

An endowment must be fully endowed for one full year prior to the first scholarship award and distribution. This requirement allows the endowment to be established and invested before the first perpetual scholarship is awarded.

Pass-Through Scholarship Option

Donors who are building toward an endowment do not have to wait to begin supporting students. A pass-through scholarship may be established while the donor works toward fully funding the endowment. This allows the donor to provide scholarship support to an FFA member during the period in which the permanent endowment is being built.

Once the endowment has reached the established goal and has been fully endowed for one year, the perpetual scholarship can begin according to the Foundation's endowment guidelines.

Let's Build Your Endowment Together

If you are interested in establishing an endowed scholarship, the Arizona FFA Foundation is glad to meet with you to discuss your goals and develop a timeline for building your scholarship endowment. We will work with you to determine an endowment goal, contribution schedule, scholarship amount, and timeline that align with your philanthropic objectives.

Our goal is to make establishing a perpetual scholarship achievable while creating a lasting legacy of support for Arizona FFA members.

How the Scholarship Program Works

1. Establish Your Scholarship

The donor works with the Arizona FFA Foundation to establish the scholarship. The donor will provide the information necessary to create the scholarship criteria and ensure the award reflects the donor's interests and intentions.

Donors will provide the following:

- Scholarship name
- Number of scholarships to be awarded
- Amount of each scholarship
- Donor bio or organization description
- Donor photo or organization logo
- Eligibility requirements
- Selection criteria
- Preferred area of study, career pathway, or other qualifications, if applicable
- Any additional information the donor would like students to know about the scholarship or the donor's connection to agriculture and FFA

The Foundation will provide a link to examples of existing Arizona FFA scholarships to help donors develop their scholarship requirements and criteria.

2. Scholarship Renewal – Fall

Existing scholarship donors will receive a scholarship renewal request in the fall to confirm whether they intend to continue offering their scholarship for the next academic year.

This annual confirmation allows the Foundation and Arizona Association FFA to prepare the scholarship information and selection process for the upcoming award cycle.

Donors may also work with the Foundation at this time to make updates to their scholarship amount, number of awards, eligibility requirements, or selection criteria.

3. Scholarship Funds Due – January 31

Scholarship funds, including the 15% administrative fee, must be received by the Arizona FFA Foundation no later than January 31 of the current academic year in which the scholarship will be presented that June during the State Leadership Conference.

For example:

- One \$1,000 scholarship requires a total contribution of \$1,150.
- Two \$2,500 scholarships require a total scholarship contribution of \$5,000 plus the \$750 administrative fee, for a total contribution of \$5,750.
- One \$5,000 scholarship requires a total contribution of \$5,750.

4. Scholarship Selection – Spring

During the spring, the donor or the donor's designated representative will work with the Arizona Association FFA Executive Secretary as part of the scholarship selection process.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the eligibility requirements and selection criteria established for the scholarship.

This process allows donors to have meaningful involvement in identifying students who align with the purpose and intent of their scholarship.

5. Scholarship Recipients & Recognition – June

The annual Arizona FFA scholarship list is finalized and distributed prior to the Arizona FFA State Leadership Conference, held each June.

Scholarship recipients are recognized as part of the annual State FFA Leadership Conference scholarship program.

6. Donor Recognition at State FFA Leadership Conference

Donors will receive an invitation in late April to attend the State FFA Leadership Conference.

Donors or their designated representatives are encouraged to attend the conference and present the scholarship certificate on stage to the scholarship recipient.

This provides donors with an opportunity to personally meet the student they are supporting and celebrate the student's accomplishments.

7. Scholarship Distribution

Scholarship funds are contributed to the Arizona FFA Foundation, a nonprofit organization.

The Foundation will distribute the scholarship funds to the Arizona Association FFA, which will award the scholarship to the school the student will attend during the following fall semester.

The scholarship is intended to assist the recipient with the cost of pursuing post-secondary education.

Donor Information

- The Foundation will provide donors with sample scholarship criteria and descriptions from other scholarships awarded through the Arizona FFA program to assist in developing their scholarship.
- For those establishing an endowment, a formal agreement will be provided for the donor to complete, have notarized and return to the Foundation.

Important Dates at a Glance

Timeframe	Scholarship Activity
Fall	Existing donors receive scholarship renewal information and may update their scholarship
January 31st	Scholarship funds and 15% administrative fee are due to the Arizona FFA Foundation
Spring Early	Donor/designated representative works with Arizona Association FFA Executive Secretary on the selection process
Late April	Donors receive an invitation to attend the State FFA Leadership Conference
June	Scholarship recipients are recognized and scholarship certificates are presented at the State FFA Leadership Conference
Late Summer	Scholarship funds are awarded to the school the student will attend in the fall

Making a Difference Through Scholarships

A scholarship is more than a financial award. It is an investment in an Arizona FFA member's education, goals, and future.

Through the Arizona FFA Foundation, donors have the opportunity to create meaningful scholarship opportunities for Arizona FFA members while helping students pursue post-secondary education and prepare for careers in agriculture and related fields.

Whether a donor chooses to support one student with a \$5,000 scholarship, provide multiple scholarships to several students, or establish a perpetual endowed scholarship, every gift creates an opportunity for an Arizona FFA member to pursue their educational and career goals.

Thank you for investing in the future of Arizona agriculture and supporting Arizona FFA members.

Scholarship Contributions & Questions

Scholarship funds, along with the applicable 15% administrative fee, may be mailed to:

Arizona FFA Foundation
PO Box 5310
Glendale, AZ 85312

For additional information about establishing a scholarship or endowed scholarship, please contact:

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