



FIRST
FARM Bank

TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

2023 APPLICATION



2023 PROGRAM DETAILS



✓ Eligibility Details

- High school seniors, high school graduates or those with a GED equivalent who have not previously received a First FarmBank scholarship of any kind who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an eligible trade-related (see list below) certificate, license or two-year program in Summer or Fall 2023.
- Applicants must currently attend any high school located in Weld, Logan, Yuma, Washington or Baca Counties in Colorado or Greeley or Wallace Counties in Kansas OR reside in any of the above mentioned counties (First FarmBank reserves the right to request proof of address for such verification)
- 1.5 minimum GPA requirement

✓ Approved Trade Programs

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| • Automotive Technology | • Electrical Technology | • HVAC |
| • Carpentry | • Emergency Medical Technology | • Machinery |
| • Commercial Driving | • Farming and Agriculture | • Manufacturing |
| • Criminal Justice/Police Officer | • Fire Science/Fire Fighting | • Plumbing |
| • Diesel Technology | • Heavy Equipment Operation | • Welding |

Should your trade (or certificate) program not be listed above or not fall directly into any of these categories, you may still be eligible for an award. For clarification of your intended program's eligibility, please email sbellendir@firstfarmbank.com with "Trade Program Eligibility" in the subject line. Four-year or bachelor's degree programs are ineligible for the Trades Scholarship. Instead, consider applying for the First FarmBank Scholarship (separate eligibility requirements apply).

✓ How will applications be evaluated?

- Strength of references
- Short answer responses
- Career plans/trade essay
- Resume

✓ Award Details

- \$1,000 one-time scholarship paid directly to the trade program institution (no exceptions)
- 2 recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee (all participants must accept their decision as final)
- The Trades Scholarship may be applied to tuition, books or tool costs
- Proof of enrollment is required before any funds will be dispersed

✓ Important Dates

- application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023
- review/selection period: to be completed by Friday, April 21, 2023
- selected recipients will be notified by Friday, May 5

✓ Application Checklist

- ___ completed application
- ___ proof of high school graduation or GED, if applicable (requirement is waived for current high schools seniors)
- ___ sealed, signed copy of your official high school transcript (required for current high school seniors only)
- ___ two signed letters of recommendation, must be from either a boss/supervisor or teacher
- ___ resume (not to exceed one page)

✓ How to Submit Your Application

- ___ bring your completed packet to your local First FarmBank location -OR-
- ___ mail to 931 West Main Street, Sterling, CO 80751, ATTN: Scholarship Committee

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Applicant Contact Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Academic Information

Choose one:

☐ High School Senior, expected graduation date: _____

☐ High School Graduate, graduation year: _____ (please attach a copy of your diploma or final transcript)

☐ GED recipient, year: _____ (please attach a copy of your certificate/diploma)

Intended Trade Program: _____

Trade school you plan to attend: _____

Intended career: _____

Are you currently an apprentice? ☐ No ☐ Yes, with: _____

Short Answer Questions (please use only the space provided)

1. Why are you the best candidate for this scholarship?

Short Answer Questions, Continued

2. Please list the community and/or school related activities you are involved in below. Be sure to include offices held, if applicable.

3. What led you to choose your intended trade?

4. Describe yourself using only three words.

5. What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? How do you apply it to your daily life?

Student Essay

Essay must be at least 200 words. If necessary, you may attach additional pages. **Please include the word count** (found on the bottom left-hand corner of Microsoft Word) after your response.

Essay Prompt: Tell us about your career plans. Where do you want to be in 5 years? 10 years? Be descriptive on your goals and how you plan to achieve them.

Reminder: include the following with your completed application:

1. Two signed letters of recommendation (must be from a boss/supervisor and/or teacher)
2. Resume - not to exceed one page in length
3. One of the following:
 - ___ Proof of high school graduation or GED (applicants who have already graduated only)
 - ___ Sealed, signed copy of your official high school transcript (current high school seniors only)

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