



## **LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **SECTION 1**

#### **FARMERS STATE BANK SCHOLARSHIP**

##### **BACKGROUND:**

In June of 1915, a small group of Stroh area citizens met to organize a bank for a very new settlement in the southeast part of LaGrange County. Since that event, the Farmers State Bank has been serving an increasingly wider circle of surrounding communities with a variety of financial services and a solid record of community service. A significant part of that community service has been the sponsorship of an outstanding scholarship program. In 2006, the Farmers State Bank turned to the LaGrange County Community Foundation to administer its scholarship program for Lakeland, Westview, Prairie Heights and Sturgis High Schools.

##### **SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIC QUALIFIERS:**

- 1. Must submit application by deadline.**
2. Must be a graduating senior from Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview or Sturgis High Schools.
3. Must be planning to enroll in an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school
4. Must have a documented GPA of between 2.5 and 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Gross family income may not exceed 2009 – 2010 qualifying limits set for free and reduced lunches - \$26,955 for a 2-person household. Add \$6,919 for each additional person in your household.
6. Participants in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship program may not apply.

##### **EMPHASIZED SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. None

##### **ESSAY REQUIREMENT - 500 WORDS OR LESS USING 12-POINT FONT, ONE PAGE MAXIMUM:**

Describe the school and/or work experiences that you think had the effect of making you a better person and more likely to succeed in accomplishing your career goals.

## SECTION 2

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants are encouraged to work closely with school officials and parents as they prepare and submit their scholarship applications. However, it is the individual applicant's responsibility to make sure that:

1. Every information requirement in every section of the application is completely met;
2. All required sections are included with each application in the order specified;
3. Completed applications are turned in to the community foundation by the application deadline.

Before submission, staple the application together at the upper left hand corner.

### APPLICATION SECTIONS AND ORDER

#### Completed Section

- 1. Title Page**  
Must be specific to the scholarship being applied for
- 2. Application Instructions and Checklist**  
Please check off each section as you assemble your application
- 3. Applicant's Family, Educational Plans, Finances and Support System**  
This completed section may be copied and used for several different applications.
- 4. Applicant's Personal Information and Work History**  
This completed section may be copied and used for several different scholarships. You may add an additional sheet if more space is needed.
- 5. Essay - if required, see Section 1**  
This is scholarship specific – see title page for essay subject and details  
Identify with social security number only – do not use your name in the essay.
- 6. Transcript**  
Must be an original, official transcript from your school
- 7. Applicant's Agreement**  
This scholarship specific agreement must include original signatures.

#### Note:

1. Applicants may be required to submit a copy of income tax forms or a filed FAFSA form to enable a LCCF staff member to substantiate income amounts stated in Section 3.
2. Scholarship recipients may be requested to submit to the community foundation a digital or professional quality hard copy photo of themselves for use in press releases, newsletters or other publications related to community foundation business.
3. Scholarship recipients may be requested to have their photos taken by community foundation staff for use in press releases, newsletters or other publications related to community foundation business.

Last four digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_

### SECTION 3

#### FAMILY OVERVIEW

Parents' marital status (check one): Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members living in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of brothers & sisters, stepbrothers & stepsisters currently living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first generation of your family to attend a college or technical school? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Number of college/technical school students in your family next year (not including you) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship	Yr. in school	Full/Part-time?	School	Amount of Aid Rec'd
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#### EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Statement of career and educational goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated major: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Are you a participant in the Twenty-first Century Scholar program?  Yes

No

Name and source of other scholarships for which you have applied:

Amount

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Parents'/Guardians' combined gross income for the most recent tax year \_\_\_\_\_

(Include income of both parents plus stepparent's income if you live in home with him/her.)

Parents' estimated contribution to college expenses \_\_\_\_\_

Special financial needs or circumstances (examples - family illness, job loss or unplanned debt) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### SUPPORT SYSTEM

Please describe in a few sentences the support system which you believe will enable you to be successful in pursuing a college degree including people you can rely on to encourage you when you face difficulties.

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**SECTION 4**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

School activity/club/ group/sport	Dates	Leadership Role	Signature of Adult Supervisor or Sponsor

Community/Volunteer Service/Activity	Dates	Signature of Adult Supervisor or Sponsor

Honors/Awards/Recognition	Dates

**WORK HISTORY**

(Please list paid work experience in the past four years beginning with the most recent position.)

Employer & Address	Nature of Work	Employment Date	Hours per week



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High School \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 7**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT**

Scholarship Applied For \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence (legal guardian's address) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal resident of LaGrange Co.?  Yes  No Are you a citizen of the U. S. A.?  Yes  No

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Full Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges to which you have applied (Please list date applied and whether accepted)

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**I certify that all information provided in every part of the applicant's agreement is accurate and I realize that falsification of information may result in termination of the scholarship.**

- I am not an immediate family member of a current LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. board member, employee, or scholarship committee member as described below:  
Relatives of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and its employees who have served during the past 2 years, and persons on the current scholarship committee are not eligible for the LaGrange County Community Foundation Scholarship program. Relative shall be defined as follows: A child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, great grandchild, step-great grandchild, spouse, brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. Spouses of everyone listed previously are also ineligible. Any other relative of the foregoing parties (i.e. nephew, niece, etc.) is eligible to receive a scholarship through the LaGrange County Community Foundation Scholarship program.
- I authorize the school personnel and/or individuals to provide data or information about me as part of this applicant's agreement directly to the LaGrange County Community Foundation and waive the right to review any such submissions.
- LaGrange County Community Foundation, Inc. has my permission to use my photograph and general (non-financial) information in the applicant's agreement for publicity purposes.
- I intend to pursue the educational program indicated in this applicant's agreement.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date