



American Implement and Western State Bank are excited to partner together to help support the future of the agricultural industry in our areas of service by providing the AG Future Scholarship Program to eligible high school seniors and current college students pursuing further education (degree or program) in an agricultural field. Ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2023 fall semester.

Eligibility includes:

- Current college students and high school seniors graduating from the following counties: Kansas - Cheyenne, Clark, Finney, Ford, Gove, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Lane, Logan, Meade, Morton, Rawlins, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita; Colorado – Baca
- Students ultimately who have a goal of working within the agricultural industry and pursuing further education (either a degree or program) in an agricultural related field. Examples can include but are not limited to: Ag Business, Ag Communications, Ag Economics, Ag Education, Food Science, Horticulture, Agronomy, Technical Program, Animal Science, Precision Agriculture, etc.
- 3.0 GPA or greater

Completed application will contain:

- A completed application form (can also be found on [American Implement's](#) or [Western State Bank's](#) websites)
- Two *letters of reference – preferably speaking to the applicant's interest and passion for agriculture.
**Letters of recommendation from non-familial relations.*
- Resume or detailed list of extracurricular activities and/or community involvement
- Most recent official transcript
- A picture of applicant (to be used if selected as a scholarship recipient)
- Either a written essay (500 – 700 words) or a video submission (3 – 4 minutes) focused on the applicant's top three reasons they are passionate and excited about agriculture and how they see themselves impacting agriculture's future with their career of choice.

(By submitting an application, the applicant is granting permission for American Implement and Western State Bank to potentially use submitted material and/or photos of the applicant on either company's website, social media accounts or published materials highlighting the scholarship program and retains rights to all entries once submitted.)

Note: Past scholarship applicants and recipients are encouraged to apply, but must submit all new materials including essay/video and letters of reference to qualify

Completed applications will be scored according to the following criteria:

- Essay/Video (35 pts)
- References (25 pts)
- Grades (20 pts)
- Resume/List Outlining Community/Extracurricular Involvement (20 pts)



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Deadline and submission information for applications:

- Deadline is March 31, 2023
- Ways to submit a completed application:
 - o Online by visiting [this address](#) (and utilizing the upload folders for attachments such as applications, references, transcripts, resumes/community involvement & extracurricular activity list, essays or use the video transfer link if submitting a video.
 - o E-mail to Sarah Waller at Western State Bank using swaller@wsbks.com, include full name and “Ag Future Scholarship” in the subject line.
 - o In-person at any American Implement or Western State Bank location – if submitting a video please do so on a flash drive/USB.
 - o Or by mail to:
Western State Bank
RE: Ag Future Scholarship Program
1500 E Kansas Ave
Garden City, KS 67846

Announcement of selected candidates and distribution of funds:

- Winners will be notified and announced April 21, 2023.
- Funds will be distributed once proof of enrollment into educational program has been provided to scholarship committee. Upon notification of selection, scholarship recipients will be informed of the address to send enrollment verification.
- If a selected candidate fails to provide proof of enrollment into an educational program or does not attend educational program fall semester of 2023, the next eligible candidate will be awarded the scholarship in their stead.
- Scholarship recipients will be asked to attend a celebration event hosted by American Implement and Western State Bank with fellow recipients to be recognized for their accomplishment and presented with an ag career day and networking opportunity with both American Implement and Western State Bank representatives.



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Ag Future Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____
Physical Address: _____ County: _____
Mailing Address (if different) _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Date of Birth: _____

Desired Ag-related Career: _____
Educational Plans (College or University): _____
Declared Major or Program: _____

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By signing this form, you agree to all the aforementioned requirements and understand that American Implement and/or Western State Bank have the rights to any and all submitted information. You further authorize your high school and college institutions to release information to American Implement and/or Western State Bank to confirm your eligibility and the accuracy of your application materials and agree to further cooperate with American Implement and/or Western State Bank as needed to assist in obtaining confirmation.

Applicant Signature: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18): _____
Date: _____



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