

# 2018 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship

## Purpose

The Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship has been established to encourage FFA members in the state of Oregon to pursue higher educational opportunities in agriculture with the ultimate goal of seeking a career in agriculture. The Thornton family hopes that the scholarship will encourage people to physically work toward their goals and to responsibly contribute to agriculture.

## Criteria

In order to be eligible for the Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship, applicants must fulfill all of the following:

- Students applying must be U.S. citizens, Oregon high school graduates, and have been Oregon FFA members a minimum of their junior and senior years.
- Students must have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Students eligible to receive the scholarship must be undergraduates enrolled in an agricultural degree program in production agriculture, agriculture education, agricultural business, or veterinary medicine at any Oregon community college or university offer a degree in agriculture. (Viticulture is ineligible for this scholarship.)
- Recipients are eligible to receive the Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship a maximum of three (3) times if they reapply and are re-selected.
- Students must be enrolled for a full course load each term (12 credits or more on the quarter system) to be eligible for this scholarship.

## Award Information

The Thornton Collegiate FFA Scholarships will be awarded spring term in the amount of \$500. Scholarship money will be sent directly to the college to be credited to the student's account.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Before scholarship money can be released, scholarship award winners are required to send a thank you note to the donor within 30 days of their scholarship selection notification letter or risk scholarship forfeiture. Thank you notes should be mailed to:

Nancy Thornton  
19976 NW Moores Valley Rd.  
Yamhill, OR 97148

## Application Process:

Read all instructions. Answer all questions. A completed paper copy of the application, including required attachments, must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2018. Deliver or mail completed applications to:

Dr. Jonathan Velez  
108 Strand Ag Hall  
Corvallis, Oregon 97331

## 2018 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship Application

Full Name		Birth Date			
Current Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone Number			Email Address		
Residence Growing Up:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Urban		Have you received this scholarship before? If so, please list the year(s).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a U.S. Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Were you a member in an Oregon FFA Program for a minimum of your junior and senior years?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Years as a paid FFA member	Middle School		High School		Alumni/Collegiate
FFA Chapter			FFA Chapter Advisor		
High School Name					
High School City			High School Graduation Date		
High School GPA*		SAT Score		ACT Score	
Senior Year Class Ranking	_____ out of _____ students				
Current College Name				College GPA*	
Degree Pursued: ex: A.S., B.S, B.A.			Terms Completed at Current College		
College Address		City		State	Zip
Expected Graduation Date		Credits taken this term		College Student ID Number	
Major			Minor		
Other colleges you have attended:			Terms Completed		
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\* Please use accumulated GPA on a 4.0 scale or note otherwise.

**FFA Activities.** List a maximum of eight major FFA activities and the level of participation in each.

Activity	Date(s) e.g. March-May 2016 OR March 2014 – August 2015	Chapter	District	State	National

**School and Community.** List your eight most important (current or recent) school, community, and agricultural activities and memberships. Please include any offices held.

Activity	Date(s) e.g. March-May 2016 or March 2014 – August 2015

**Work Experience.** Summarize your most recent work experience and duties.

<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>Length of Employment</b> e.g. March-May 2016 or March 2014 – August 2015	<b>Typical Hours Worked per Week</b> e.g. 15 hrs/wk driving swather 20 hrs/wk computer input

**In the following spaces, or on an attached paper, please write 100-200 words on each topic.**

**1. Briefly explain your FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project and experience.**

**2. Explain what three high school FFA activities most impacted your life and why.**

- 3. Explain your long-range goals for school, employment, and life. Describe what specific skills and personal values you are fostering in yourself to achieve those ends.**

- 4. Help us know YOU. Tell us about your current life. Besides college classes, how do you spend your hours? Do you work, compete, pursue a hobby, have outings with friends, exercise, or just relax?**

- 5. Ten years from now, after you have graduated from college and are settled into your career, how do you see yourself contributing to production agriculture?**

**Estimated Annual Expenses per School Year**

<b>Yearly Expenses</b>		<b><u>Commentary</u></b>
<b>Tuition</b>		
<b>Books</b>		
<b>Housing</b>		
<b>Living Expenses</b>		
<b>Transportation</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Required Attachments:**

1. **College Transcripts** of all colleges attended, listing courses, grades, credit hours, and accumulated GPA
  2. **High School Transcript** only if this is your first year as a full time college student
  3. **ONE Letter of Recommendation** from one of your college agriculture instructors
  4. **ONE Letter of Recommendation** from a recent non-relative employer
  5. **Optional:** One page of pictures showing your involvement with agricultural activities. Please include the year and caption with each photo.
- \* **Be sure to sign your application before submitting.**

**Additional Information:**

- Copies or unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- Essays may be typed on a separate paper and attached, please include essay question and full name on all attachment pages. (e.g. Jon Smith #1 SAE , Emily Jones #5 Ten years from now)
- If you have questions, please email [witnesstree@eoni.com](mailto:witnesstree@eoni.com). Indicate Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship as the email subject.

**Statement of Applicant**

I certify that all information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that selection committees may review information on this application and my transcripts. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this application. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_