

# 2020 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 production agriculture.

## Criteria

1. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA and be enrolled full time (12 or more credits on the quarter system) in an Oregon community college or university either as undergraduates majoring in an eligible agriculture degree or master's degree students majoring in agricultural education planning to teach in Oregon.

Eligible undergraduate degree programs include agriculture production and sciences, agriculture education, and agriculture business degrees, including, but not limited to the following: agricultural production, crop/plant sciences, animal sciences, range sciences, soil sciences, agricultural sciences, agricultural education/leadership, agricultural business/economics, precision agriculture, and veterinary science/medicine.

Forestry, fisheries, wildlife, natural resources, viticulture, and food science are not eligible majors or career pathways for this scholarship.

2. Student selection shall be limited to Oregon high school graduates who completed a minimum of two years in an Oregon Agricultural Sciences and Technology Program (vocational agriculture) with membership in an Oregon high school FFA chapter at least their junior and senior years.
3. Students must be U.S. citizens.
4. If equally qualified, a preference shall be given to students from the Yamhill-Carlton FFA program, then to students from Yamhill County, then to students from Polk County, then to students throughout the state of Oregon.
5. Recipients are eligible to receive the Thornton FFA Scholarship three times if they reapply and are reselected. Significant updates and changes should be made before resubmitting.
6. Agricultural interest, scholarship, honesty, integrity, initiative, and determination as evidenced through school, jobs, community activities and FFA participation will be major deciding factors in the final selection.

## **Award Information**

Student recipients will receive their scholarship in one payment spring term to their college, contingent upon verification of full time enrollment and the Thornton Family's receipt of a thank you note within 30 days of scholarship award notification. **The donor mailing address will be provided via email to scholarship nominees.**

## **Questions**

If you have questions about the scholarship, application process or eligibility, please email [witnesstree@eoni.com](mailto:witnesstree@eoni.com). Indicate Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship as the email subject.

## **Application Process**

Read all instructions. Answer all questions. A completed application, including required attachments **compiled into a single PDF file**, must be emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2020.

Email applications to:

[ag.education@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ag.education@oregonstate.edu)

Include "Thornton FFA Scholarship, *YOUR NAME*" in the subject line of the email.

## 2020 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarship Application

**Application Type, please select one:**

- Undergraduate Applicant  
 Agriculture Education Master's Program Applicant (planning to teach in Oregon)

Full Name				Birth Date			
Current Address							
City		State		Zip			
Phone Number				Email Address			
Residence Growing Up:	Rural Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Non-Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/>			Have you received this scholarship before? If so, please list the year(s).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you a U.S. Citizen?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Were you a member in an Oregon FFA Program for a minimum of your junior and senior years?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 Undergraduate GPA*			
Degree Pursued: e.g.: A.S., B.S, B.A.		Terms Completed at Current College				Class Standing e.g.: Jr., Sr.	
Major				Minor			
Expected Graduation Date		Credits taken this term		College Student ID Number			
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.

Highest FFA Degree Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**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>		Briefly explain your financial situation and how you are paying for college.
<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 in Order:**

- Cover Page** listing your name, college currently attending, year in school, college major, and your hometown.
- Optional:** One page of pictures showing your involvement with agricultural activities. Please include the year and caption with each photo and your full name, and college at the top of the page.
- Completed application, must be signed (typed signature acceptable).**
- ONE One-Page Letter of Recommendation** from one of your college agriculture instructors. (Freshman applicants may have their high school FFA instructor provide this letter.)
- ONE One-Page Letter of Recommendation** from a recent non-relative employer. If your employer is a family member, request a letter from an adult colleague or business associate familiar with your work experience.
- College Transcripts** of all colleges attended, listing courses, grades, credit hours, and accumulated GPA.
- High School Transcript** only if this is your first year as a full-time college student.

**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). Reminder, 100-200 words per essay, please.

**Where did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?** (Check all that apply)

- Instructor/Professor       Email       Oregon FFA Website  
 College Scholarship Website       Poster/Flyer       Friend/Peer       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_