

Heartland Co-op Scholarship Program

Heartland Co-op

Heartland Co-op is one of the largest grain and farm supply companies in Iowa. Heartland Co-op serves over 5,527 members from 49 communities in Iowa. Heartland Co-op is the largest employer in most of these communities with over 385 full-time employees.

Objectives

The primary goal of the program is to encourage area youth to prepare for a career in agriculture. This scholarship program is designed to provide college financial assistance to dependents of Heartland Co-op members.

Scholarship Amount

Heartland Co-op will offer nine \$1,000 scholarships to full-time agriculture students through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The first payment of \$500 will be made the beginning of the first semester. The second semester check for \$500 will be presented to the scholarship winner at the annual meeting of Heartland Co-op held the first part of September. The Heartland Co-op board of directors has designated the Iowa FFA Foundation to appoint a selection committee to review the applications and rank the scholarship recipients. Heartland Co-op's board of directors shall have final approval of all scholarship recipients.

One additional scholarship, provided through AFA, will be upgraded to \$3,200 and awarded to a student entering their freshman year of college. Scholarship funds will be distributed upon the student providing proof of tuition and fees each semester. Up to \$1,600 will be paid each semester based on the outstanding balance of financial need until the \$3,200 balance is depleted. Scholars must remain in good standing with their academic institution, attend the entire AFA Leaders Conference, and resubmit their second semester tuition bill to AFA to receive the second semester's scholarship funds. AFA will provide support materials for the scholarship and internship or work with Heartland to use cooperative materials already in place.

Continuation of the scholarship program shall be reviewed annually.

\$1,000 Scholarship Eligibility

1. Applicant shall be a Heartland Co-op member or a dependent of a Heartland Co-op member at the time of application.
2. Applicant shall be a full-time student that has been accepted into a college program that offers an agricultural degree, or a 2-year transferable ag program to go on and major in an agricultural curriculum. ***Applicant shall enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of his/her scholarship year.***
3. The college's agriculture program ***must be in Iowa.***
4. Directors and officers of Heartland Co-op, their spouses and/or dependent children, shall be prohibited from receiving a Heartland Co-op scholarship.
5. Scholarship recipient can receive a Heartland Co-op scholarship one time.
6. These scholarships are available to applicants who are undergraduate students in two or four year programs. High school seniors, as well as college freshmen, sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply; Heartland Co-op scholarships can be awarded to college freshmen through seniors.

\$3,200 AFA Scholarship Eligibility

1. Applicant shall be a high school graduate entering their freshman year in a college program that offers an agricultural degree.
2. Applicant, if awarded the scholarship, agrees to attend the entire AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City, MO. This is a requirement to receive this scholarship.
3. Recipient must be enrolled, and remain in good standing, in a four-year agriculture-related degree program.

HEARTLAND CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP

AGRICULTURE 2010-2011 Academic Year

Heartland Co-op will offer ten (10) scholarships of \$1,000 each through the Iowa FFA Foundation. These will be awarded to undergraduate students in two or four year college programs. Recipients will be selected according to the following criteria: 1) outstanding leadership potential, 2) good scholarship, and 3) financial need. Applicant must be a full-time student that has been accepted into an Iowa college program that offers an agricultural degree, or a two-year transferable ag program to go on and major in an agricultural curriculum. *One or more agriculture classes shall be taken each semester of the scholarship year.* **The postmark deadline for applications is March 12, 2010.**

Name in full _____
Birthdate _____
Home address _____
Home phone # _____ County _____
Name of parent(s) or guardian _____
Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____
Name of high school _____ Phone # _____

A PHOTO IS NEEDED
FOR FOLLOW-UP
PUBLICITY OF
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

Are you a Heartland Co-op member or a dependent of a Heartland Co-op member? _____

Membership number: _____

Name of Heartland Co-op member (applicant, parent, guardian or corporation) _____

Education and career goals: _____

What is your current educational status? (specify grade level) _____

What college or university will you be attending in the 2010-2011 school year? _____

What is/will be your academic major in college? _____

What are your career/occupational goals? _____

Major school and community activities including offices held in organizations while in high school and/or college; specify the year.

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Year</u>
a. _____	_____	f. _____	_____
b. _____	_____	g. _____	_____
c. _____	_____	h. _____	_____
d. _____	_____	i. _____	_____
e. _____	_____	j. _____	_____

Employment:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position/Title</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>
a. _____	_____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____	_____

Ag Ownership:

<u>Major Enterprises</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Year</u>
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____

Please list courses you have taken in high school and/or college which would support your interest in preparation for a career in the agricultural industry: _____

Using a college catalog, list specific **agriculture** classes you plan to take during your scholarship year: _____

Please have high school counselor, principal, or academic advisor complete the following section:

Cumulative grade point average _____ (High School) and/or _____ (College) (please include both if applicable)

I verify that the above information and data are correct.

Date _____ Signature _____ Title _____

What other scholarships and grants will you be awarded in the 2010-2011 academic year? (State the source and amount) _____

Applicant's statement on why he/she should be a Heartland Co-op Scholarship recipient: _____

Financial management budget for the 2010-2011 academic year: (This section is included as a financial management guide to the selection committee.)

* FFA members, 4-H members and others, be sure to include your enterprises and/or employment experiences as other sources of net income.

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>RESOURCES</u>	
Tuition and fees	\$ _____	Estimate savings	\$ _____
Room and board	\$ _____	Assistance from parents or other relatives	\$ _____
Books and supplies	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Scholarships	\$ _____
Incidentals (transportation, recreation, laundry and misc.)	\$ _____	Part-time working during school year	\$ _____
		* Other sources (specify)	\$ _____
		_____	\$ _____
		_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
		Amount needed to balance budget	\$ _____

Applicant's opinion on why cooperatives are important to agriculture: _____

If you are a Heartland Co-op scholarship recipient, it is a requirement that you attend the 2010 Heartland Co-op Annual meeting on September 14, 2010 to be recognized. Will you attend? (Yes or no) _____

This information is requested for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons outside the coordinating staff, the review committee, and the Heartland Co-op board of directors will be provided this information.

I authorize Heartland Co-op to release copies of this form and information about my academic record to the committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of your local cooperative's manager: _____ Date: _____

Two persons (not relatives) shall each send a single-page, double-spaced, recommendation for you to Heartland Co-op by March 12, 2010.

Send this application and a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to Larry Petersen, CEO/General Manager, Heartland Co-op, P.O. Box 71399, Des Moines, IA 50325, by the **POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE OF March 12, 2010.** No additional pages of information are to be attached.