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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Ag Plus Annual Scholarship Program. This program is designed to support local students pursuing careers in agriculture or landscape-related fields. Each year, Ag Plus awards four \$1,000 scholarships to students enrolled in a two- or four-year college with an agriculture-focused curriculum.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be majoring in an agricultural field, including forage, turf, or landscape-related programs.
- Be a high school senior or a college student in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year as of the Fall 2026 semester.
- Demonstrate both leadership abilities and strong academic performance.
- Reside within the Ag Plus trade area.

Ag Plus values the leadership and passion that students bring to the agricultural industry. Through this scholarship program, we aim to encourage and support students in achieving their goals of building impactful careers in agriculture or related fields.

The 2025 recipients—Cord Akey, Kohen Schipper, Carley Sroufe, and Maggie Wolf—are examples of individuals who share a strong commitment to agriculture and its advancement.

All applications must be received at the Ag Plus South Whitley office by Friday, February 28, 2026, to be considered. Applications and forms may also be accessed and submitted online by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.agplusinc.com/scholarships. Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 17, 2026.

For additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Ag Plus Scholarship Committee



Scholarship Application Form

ELIGIBILITY: This scholarship is open to students pursuing a two- or four-year degree in agri-business or a related field, including turf or turf management. Eligible applicants include graduating high school seniors, as well as college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors enrolled in advanced education courses. Applicants must reside within the Ag Plus trade area. Applications must be signed by a school official or guidance counselor and postmarked by February 28, 2026.

DESCRIPTION: Four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to eligible applicants. Selections will be based on scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and the applicant's potential to contribute to the future of agriculture.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A completed application form.
2. High school or college grade transcript.
3. Three reference letters. These can either be included with the application or mailed separately (refer to the attached *Ag Plus Scholarship Reference* document for details).
4. Signature of a school official or guidance counselor verifying current student status (see the *School Signature* page).

Use the *Scholarship Application Checklist* to ensure all materials are completed and included.

SUBMISSION:

Mail your application to the address below. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2026. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 17, 2026.

Ag Plus
Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 306
South Whitley, IN 46787

Name- Last, First, Middle	Age	Telephone Number	Email Address
Address- Street, P.O. Box or Route		Town	State Zip Code
Name of Father/Guardian		Name of Mother/Guardian	
Address of Parents/Guardians if different than yours		Telephone Number	
School currently enrolled in		Town	State Zip Code
Current GPA	Anticipated graduation Date: High School or College		

SCHOOL SIGNATURE:

TO BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

This is to certify that _____ is currently enrolled in school and is in good standing with the school with anticipated graduation date of _____.

Name of School	Official Signature	Date
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1. Where did you obtain this scholarship application?

Local Cooperative _____ School Counselor _____ County Extension Office _____

FFA Instructor _____ Other _____

2. Please provide the following information about the Ag Plus location nearest you and your family:

Manager's Name: _____

Location: _____

3. What are your career goals upon graduation? _____

4. What college have you selected or are currently enrolled in and why? _____

5. In your opinion, why are cooperatives important to agriculture? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

ACTIVITIES

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

6. Describe yourself including ag related programs or projects, leadership roles in school or other activities, and any current and future goals you have set for yourself.

7. Explain why you are interested in agriculture as a career. Please take special care in answering this question since this essay will be given considerable attention by the Selection Committee.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)



Scholarship Reference

For Scholarship Candidate: Please provide three (3) reference letters that meet the following criteria:

- **School Program or Guidance Counselor:** At least one (1) reference letter must come from your current school program or guidance counselor.
- **Agriculture or Agri-Business:** At least one (1) reference letter must be from someone involved in agriculture, agri-business, or a related field such as turf or turf management.
- **Applicant's Choice:** The third reference letter can be from a person of your choice.

Important: References from family members are not allowed.

For Candidate References: Reference Letter Requirements:

- On a separate sheet of paper, please address the following about the candidate:
 - Leadership abilities
 - Worthiness of the scholarship
 - Potential to positively impact agriculture
 - Citizenship
 - Attitude
 - Involvement in organizations
 - Ensure the reference letter is **dated** and **signed**. Letters missing these elements will lose points.
- References on letterhead are strongly encouraged.

Submission Options:

Reference letters can be:

1. Returned to the student to include with their application.
2. Emailed directly to **scholarship@agplusinc.com**.
3. Mailed directly to:

Ag Plus

Scholarship Application
C/O [Candidate's Name]
P.O. Box 306
South Whitley, IN 46787



2026 Scholarship Application Checklist

Applicant _____

Completed Application Form

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Grade Transcript

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Reference- School Program/ Guidance Counselor

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Reference- Agriculture Involvement

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Reference- Candidate's Choice

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School Signature

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