About the Scholarship
Farmer’s Business Network, Inc. (FBN) is committed to the success of America’s farming communities, future farmers and agricultural innovators. FBN is proud to support the next generation of farmers in their pursuit of higher education.

What’s Included
FBN will select (2) agriculture students from each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Each winner will:
1. be awarded $1,000 toward their school tuition for the 2015-2016 academic year.
2. be connected with a local farmer and FBN employee who will provide scholastic and career mentorship throughout their school year.
3. have their photo and bio featured on FBN’s website.

Who Can Apply
Any student entering their junior or senior year majoring in the one of the following areas can apply for this scholarship. Applicants must expect to graduate before or at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible.
• Agribusiness
• Ag & Biosystems Engineering
• Plant Pathology
• Plant Science
• Precision Ag
• Agronomy

Deadline
Please check with your state land grant university for details about application deadlines.

Requirements
Good applicants will have a strong interest in farming or industries related to farming. Great applicants will have demonstrated an interest in helping farmers understand and utilize data management technologies or precision ag data on a farming operation. Coursework or degrees in agricultural fields are required.
How to Apply

1. To apply, complete the attached form and write a short essay (500 words or less) that answers the following questions:
   1. What makes you most passionate about agriculture?
   2. What do you hope to accomplish in your career in agriculture?

2. Save your response in PDF form.

3. Contact your University Scholarship Administrator for details on how to submit the application. FBN will select ag students from each of the following Universities:
   - University of Illinois
   - Iowa State University
   - University of Minnesota
   - University of Nebraska
   - North Dakota State University
   - South Dakota State University

4. If you do not attend one of the above Universities, submit the application to: scholarship@farmersbusinessnetwork.com.

5. Select applicants will participate in a phone interview with a FBN employee.

Scholarship Conditions

Each scholarship may be used only for qualified tuition and related expenses, as defined in the Internal Revenue code 117(b) and related regulations. FBN will determine the time and conditions of payment of scholarships at its sole discretion.

If an FBN scholarship recipient withdraws from school - or his or her progress is unsatisfactory and the FBN scholarship recipient makes no alternate arrangements to pursue courses at the same or another educational institution - then, at its sole discretion, FBN may terminate the scholarship.

Conditions to Application

In applying for the FBN Scholarship, I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf or any endorsements provided (written or otherwise). I affirm that all information contained in my application is true and correct.
I. Applicant Information

Name
First Name ________________________________
Last Name ________________________________
Middle Initial ________________________________

Contact Information
Daytime Phone ________________________________
Nighttime Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________
Twitter ________________________________

Mailing Address at School
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Permanent Mailing Address
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University Name and Website
______________________________________________________________

List Any Other Secondary Educational Institutions Attended
1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________

Current Area(s) of College Level Studies
Major _______________________________________________________
Minor _______________________________________________________

Other Relevant Research or Coursework
1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________

College Degrees Already Obtained (if any)
1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________

Current cumulative GPA (must be 3.0 or higher) _______________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date and Degree _______________________________________________________

List Any Honors, Scholarships or other Awards You've Received
1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________
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If selected for an interview, a certified transcript including coursework will be required.
II. Farmer References

List any farmers that you have helped to understand how data and analytics can help their farming operation. These farmers should be willing to endorse your effort and you should receive prior approval for a FBN employee to contact them if necessary. Please only list farmers here that have given you permission to be contacted.

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III. Essay

In 500 words or less, answer the following questions

1. What makes you most passionate about agriculture?
2. What do you hope to accomplish in your career in agriculture?

Thank you for your submission. Your application is considered confidential and will not be shared outside of FBN, its consultants and advisors assisting in evaluating scholarship applications, and your academic institution without your consent. We wish you well in your professional training and will inform you as soon as possible if you have been chosen for an interview for a FBN Scholarship.