

2025 PROGRAM DETAILS



✓ Eligibility Details

- High school seniors, high school graduates or those with a GED equivalent who have not previously received a First FarmBank scholarship of any kind who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an eligible trade-related (see list below) certificate, license or two-year program in Summer or Fall 2025.
- Applicants must currently attend any high school located in Weld, Logan, Yuma, Washington or Baca Counties in Colorado or Greeley or Wallace Counties in Kansas OR reside in any of the above mentioned counties (First FarmBank reserves the right to request proof of address for such verification)
- 1.5 minimum GPA requirement

✓ Approved Trade Programs

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| • Automotive Technology | • Electrical Technology | • HVAC |
| • Carpentry | • Emergency Medical Technology | • Machinery |
| • Commercial Driving | • Farming and Agriculture | • Manufacturing |
| • Criminal Justice/Police Officer | • Fire Science/Fire Fighting | • Plumbing |
| • Diesel Technology | • Heavy Equipment Operation | • Welding |

Should your trade (or certificate) program not be listed above or not fall directly into any of these categories, you may still be eligible for an award. For clarification of program eligibility, email sbellendir@firstfarmbank.com with "Trade Program Eligibility" in the subject line. Four-year or bachelor's degree programs are ineligible for the Trades Scholarship. Instead, apply for the First FarmBank Scholarship (separate eligibility requirements apply).

✓ How will applications be evaluated?

- Strength of references
- Short answer responses and resume
- Career plans/trade essay

✓ Award Details

- \$1,000 one-time scholarship paid directly to the trade program institution (no exceptions)
- 2 recipients will be determined by the Review Committee (participants must accept their decision as final)
- The Trades Scholarship may be applied to tuition, books or tool costs
- Proof of enrollment is required before any funds will be dispersed; funds must be dispersed directly to the Trade School selected
- Recipients must visit a First FarmBank branch location of their choice by May 30, 2025 for a PR photo and sign a photo authorization form before any funds will be dispersed. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of scholarship.

✓ Important Dates

- application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2025
- review/selection period: to be completed by Friday, April 18, 2025
- selected recipients will be notified by Friday, May 2, 2025

✓ Application Checklist

- ☐ completed application
- ☐ proof of high school graduation or GED, if applicable (requirement is waived for current high schools seniors)
- ☐ sealed, signed copy of your official high school transcript (required for current high school seniors only)
- ☐ two signed letters of recommendation, must be from either a boss/supervisor or teacher
- ☐ resume (not to exceed one page)

✓ How to Submit Your Application

- ☐ apply online at www.firstfarmbank.com -OR-
- ☐ bring your completed packet to your local First FarmBank location -OR-
- ☐ mail to 931 West Main Street, Sterling, CO 80751, ATTN: Scholarship Committee

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Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be considered.