

# 2026 PROGRAM DETAILS

## ✓ Eligibility Details

Applicants must:

- be graduating high school seniors in spring 2026
- currently attend any high school located in or reside within Weld, Logan, Yuma, Washington or Baca Counties in Colorado or Greeley, Wallace or Wichita Counties in Kansas.
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
- submit a completed application (incomplete applications will not be considered)
- demonstrate involvement in school and/or community leadership activities

## ✓ How will applications be evaluated?

- Short answer responses
- Essay
- Resume
- Strength of letter of recommendation

## ✓ Award Details

- \$2,000 one-time scholarship paid directly to the recipient's choice of school (no exceptions)
- The quantity of recipients is determined by the Scholarship Committee. All participants must accept their decision as final.
- Proof of enrollment is required before any funds will be dispersed
- Recipients are required to participate in a recognition activity prior to the disbursement of funds. By May 30, 2026, recipients must either visit a First FarmBank branch location of their choice to have a congratulatory photo taken or submit a brief 20–30 second thank-you video. In addition, recipients must complete and sign a photo/video authorization form.

First FarmBank receives many applications each year and values the opportunity to recognize recipients and share our congratulations with the communities we serve. Failure to complete these requirements by the stated deadline will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

## ✓ Application Checklist

- completed application
- signed copy of your official high school transcript
- one signed letter of recommendation
- resume (must not exceed one page in length)
- a short essay responding to the following question:

"If you were given the opportunity to improve one aspect of your school, workplace, or community with limited resources, what would you focus on and why? Explain how you would approach making that change." (essay must be at least 300 words in length - please include word count on the page) We encourage all applicants to use their original work in their essay responses.

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### **Important Dates**

- application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2026
- review/selection period: to be completed by Friday, April 24, 2026
- selected recipients will be notified by Friday, May 8, 2026

### **How to Submit Your Application**

Apply online at [www.firstfarmbank.com](http://www.firstfarmbank.com) -OR-  
 Bring your completed packet to your local First FarmBank location -OR-  
 Mail to 5587 19th Street Ste 100, Greeley, CO 80634, ATTN: Scholarship Committee

**Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be considered.**

Please email Nate McConnell at [nmcconnell@firstfarmbank.com](mailto:nmcconnell@firstfarmbank.com) with questions.