

2026 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 2026.
- Must 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.
- 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 nmccconnell@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 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.

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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

✓ 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 5587 19th St Ste 100, Greeley CO 80634, ATTN: Scholarship Committee

Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be considered.