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## 2023 AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Eligibility:** Central Farmers Cooperative will award a **\$1000.00 scholarship** to one or more graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are current producer members of the co-op. Student must be enrolled in a **South Dakota post-secondary education school and pursuing a career in agriculture.** Scholarship funds will be awarded after the student has registered for the second semester.

**Description:** \$1000.00 scholarship awarded to high school seniors; based on scholastic achievement, leadership in agriculture, and perceived ability to contribute to agriculture in the future.

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| Name—First Middle Last                                  |      | Age                     | Telephone (include area code) |     |
| Address—Street, PO or Box                               |      | Town                    | State                         | Zip |
| Name of Father/Guardian                                 |      | Name of Mother/Guardian |                               |     |
| Address of Parent or Guardian if different than yours   |      |                         | Telephone (include area code) |     |
| High School   | Town | State                   | Zip                           |     |
| School Preference (Name of College or Technical School) |      |                         |                               |     |

**Your signature authorizes us to contact your school for additional information and records.**

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| Applicants Signature | Date: |
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Your application must include this completed application form, with signature of school official verifying status as graduating senior, your high school and current grade transcript, the completed character reference form, and a senior picture to be mailed with this application.

**To submit this application:** Complete all sections and mail to the address listed below. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2023. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail in May 2023.

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| <b>TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL</b>   |              |
| <i>This is to certify that the above named applicant will be a graduating senior during the 2022-2023 school year from:</i> |              |
| _____ <b>High School</b>  |              |
| <b>Signature and Title</b>  | <b>Date:</b> |

Please List the Subjects you have taken in the last two years.

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Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Please list school and civic activities (include years of involvement and offices held):

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What are your career goals upon graduation?

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If you currently have or in the past have held a part-time job, please indicate the place and term of employment together with average number of hours worked per week. Include time worked in parent's business:

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What area of study do you plan to pursue, and why?

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In your opinion, why are cooperatives important to agriculture?

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Explain why you are interested in agriculture as a career, and why you should be awarded this scholarship.

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# Character Reference Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to Student:** Have an individual complete this evaluation form. This reference ***must not be a relative,*** and ***does not need to be a school official.***

**Note to Evaluator:** We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the following areas. Your evaluation will be given considerable attention by the selection committee. Please be as specific as possible. This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.

**Cooperation:** Consider willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities.

**Reliability:** Consider dependability, willingness and honesty.

**Leadership:** Consider ability to motivate a group of people in desired direction.

**Personality:** Consider how the applicant interacts with people.

**Additional Comments:**

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| Signature of Evaluator:  | Date: |
| Relationship to Student: |       |