

## AgState Scholarship Program Overview

The AgState Scholarship Program supports students pursuing a future in agriculture and related fields. AgState is proud to invest in the next generation of leaders who will contribute to the agricultural industry.

### Key Dates

- **Application Open Date:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Application Deadline:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Award Date:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- **Acceptance of Funds:** July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- **Distribution of Funds:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### Eligibility & Selection Guidelines

- **Academic Level:** High school seniors planning to attend an accredited college, university, technical trade school or joining the US Military.
- **Field of Study:** Students must be pursuing degrees in Agriculture, a related field of study, joining the US Military or be a child of a full time AgState Employee.
- **Location:** The student must be attending a high school at one of the approved schools in AgState's footprint.
  - Alta-Aurelia, Emmetsburg, Graettinger-Terril, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn, MOC-Floyd Valley, Newell-Fonda, Pocahontas Area, Sioux Central, Sheldon, South O'Brien, Spencer, Storm Lake, Storm Lake St. Mary's, Gehlen Catholic, Ridge View, Kingsley-Pierson, MMCRU, OABCIG, Washington High School – Cherokee, Okoboji, South Hamilton, Unity Christian, Trinity Christian, Western Christian, Le Mars Community, Harris Lake Park.
- **Submission:** All applications along with an official transcript and 2 letters of recommendation must be thoroughly completed submitted through the AgState Webpage application: <https://agstate.org/aboutn/#scholarships>. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- **Preference:** AgState Class A members and students of AgState employees will be given preference during the selection process.
- **Evaluation:** Applicants will be evaluated on their academic achievements, extra-curricular and leadership experiences, community service, and future goals as they relate to agriculture.

### Awards

- **Available Dollars:** AgState has committed to award \$40,000: Diamond (2) \$5,000, Emerald (4) \$2,500, and Sapphire (20) \$1,000.
- **Notification:** Official award notification will be mailed to each student on April 1st.
- **Programs:** An AgState Representative may attend the recipient's schools award ceremony to present each student's award.
- **Process Funds:** Each scholarship winner must provide the following prior to receiving funds:
  - Student's Senior Photo
  - Verification of enrollment for fall semester
  - Class Schedule

### Terms & Conditions

- **Use of funds:** Scholarship funds must be used for tuition, fees, books or other educational expenses.
- **Scholarship disbursement:** Funds will be made payable to the educational institution and student, being mailed to the student's address provided in the application.
- **Forfeiture:** Awards may be rescinded if the student no longer meets eligibility or cannot prove enrollment in a program for the upcoming fall semester.