



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Because of the generosity of the farming community in allowing hot air balloons to launch from or land on their property, the members of **Balloon Association of Greater Illinois (BAGI)**, are pleased to sponsor **\$500 scholarships** to students majoring in agriculture or an agriculture-related program.

The scholarships, which are non-renewable, will be awarded on the basis of exceptional scholastic ability and/or financial need. Vermilion County Farm Bureau will administer the Balloon Association of Greater Illinois Scholarships, and we look forward to your application.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau member, member's dependent (age 21 and younger), or spouse of member.
2. Must be a U.S. citizen.
3. Must be a high school graduate.
4. Must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited community college, college, or university.
5. Must be enrolled in agriculture, agribusiness or agriculture-related field.
6. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.
7. Must reside on a farm in one of the following Illinois counties: Adams, Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Logan, Macon, Marion, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Moultrie, Peoria, Piatt, Sangamon, Tazewell, and Vermilion.

In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting the recipient:

1. Scholarship
 - Academic performance and honors
 - Rank in class
 - ACT score
2. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and agribusiness
3. Financial need
4. Evidence of self-help (How the student is contributing financially to his/her education)

IMPORTANT

You are responsible for including the following items with your application. If one or more documents are missing, your application may be disqualified. The reference letter may be mailed separately, if necessary.

- ___ Professional goals (Section 4)
- ___ Reference letter (1)

Applications must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2010 Mail to:

Kerry Wienke
Vermilion County Farm Bureau
1905-C U.S. Route 150
Danville, IL 61832

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions regarding the application or scholarship program, please contact Kerry Wienke at (217) 442-8713 or Larry Owen at (217)304-0827. You may also email Larry at larry@owenfinancial.com

Sincerely,

Larry Owen
Scholarship Coordinator
Balloon Association of Greater Illinois

**BALLOON ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ILLINOIS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
1905-C U.S. Route 150
Danville, Illinois 61832**

Please type or print legibly.

Date _____

SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ SS Number _____

Home Address _____
(street or rural route) (town & state) (zip code)

Home County _____ Phone (_____) _____

Applicant's or Parent's Farm Bureau Membership Number _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____

Community College Attended _____ Graduation Date _____

College or University Currently Attending or Accepted _____

What is/will be your major area of study? Please be specific. _____

What is the name and address of your local newspaper? _____

Parents' Name _____

Parents' Address _____
(street or rural route) (town & state) (zip code)

Parents' Occupation _____

How did you hear about the scholarship? School News Media Farm Bureau Other

SECTION 2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Transcripts may be requested later for verification)

What was your high school GPA? _____ / _____ High school class rank? _____ / _____
(scale) (your rank) (# in graduating class)

What was your composite ACT score? _____

What was your community college GPA? _____ / _____
(scale)

What is your current overall GPA if enrolled at a four-year school? _____

What high school/college academic honors have you received? _____

SECTION 3. ACTIVITIES

Using the space provided, list agricultural or other clubs to which you belong(ed). Indicate offices held, position of leadership, and activities in which you participate(d).

List church, civic, or community activities.

In the space provided, briefly summarize your experience in agriculture/agribusiness. (Attach additional page, if necessary.)

SECTION 4. PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Please attach a one-page maximum, **typewritten** explanation of your professional goals and objectives as well as the contributions you expect to make to agriculture/agribusiness and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

Since financial need is one factor in selecting the recipient of the Balloon Association of Greater Illinois scholarship, the following information is critical to the committee in their deliberations. The information is **strictly confidential** and will only be reviewed by the selection committee. **It is very important that you answer each question.**

How is your education being financed? _____

Do you (or will you) work during the school year to support your education? _____

If so, approximate: Hours/week? _____ Income? _____

Where? _____ Type of work? _____

Do you work during the summer? _____ If so, where? _____

Type of work? _____

