Cooperative Farmers Elevator AAS Ag Program Sponsorship Guidelines

2-Year ACADEMIC Award

Application Due Date: March 18, 2026

Cooperative Farmers Elevator is offering (3) three 2-year full tuition sponsorships to any high school seniors or students currently enrolled in a 2-year technical college listed below. The student must be pursuing a degree at a participating technical college listed below. CFE supports deserving students who have a passion for agriculture, a desire to attain their educational goals and are driven to succeed to their fullest ability.

Student Eligibility:

- High school senior, graduating mid-term or in the spring
- Student currently enrolled in a 2-year technical college; shown below
- Legal U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must major in the AAS Ag program at a participating technical college
    - Dordt University Pro-Tech, Sioux Center, Iowa
        - Farm Operations & Management, AAS Degree
    - DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College), Des Moines, Iowa
        - Agribusiness, AAS Degree
    - Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls, Iowa
        - Agribusiness, AAS Degree
        - Precision Agriculture, AAS Degree
        - Animal Science, AAS Degree
    - Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg, Iowa
        - AgProduction Technology, AAS Degree
        - Agribusiness Technology, AAS Degree
    - Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, IA
        - Agricultural Business, AAS
        - Agricultural Studies, AAS
        - Agronomy, AAS
        - Animal Science, AAS
    - Lakes Area Tech
        - Ag Commodity Merchandising. AAS Degree
        - Ag Livestock Production and Management, AAS Degree
        - Ag Precision Technology, AAS Degree
        - Ag Production, AAS Degree
    - Minnesota West Community College, Worthington, Minnesota
        - Agriculture Business Management, AAS Degree
        - Agriculture Production, AAS Degree
    - Mitchell Technical College, Mitchell, South Dakota
        - Agronomy, AAS Degree
        - Precision Ag Technology, AAS Degree

- Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, Iowa
    - Agriculture (Online), AAS Degree
- Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City, Iowa
    - Agribusiness Technology, AAS Degree
    - Agriculture Management, AAS Degree

Selection Process: Sponsorship recipients shall be determined by an internal CFE committee. This sponsorship will be based on leadership, character, and community involvement.

Final candidates must be present for a personal interview with the sponsorship committee. **You will be contacted via email to set up an interview so please check the email you have provided in this application regularly.**

Distributing the Awards: Sponsorship awards will be presented to the winners at the school's awards ceremony by a CFE representative. School counselors will be notified following candidate selection process by a CFE sponsorship committee member.

Funds will be disbursed to the college directly following registration and after receiving a copy of the first semester invoice. The award is applied to all (4) four semesters of the AAS Ag Degree for high school seniors. For students currently enrolled in a listed technical college, the award will be applied to the remaining semesters.

Requirements: Sponsorship recipients must complete the AAS Ag program in person or online. Recipients will be scheduled for part-time employment or complete their on-the-job training (OJT) during the duration of the program to gain hands on experience and knowledge. Recipients shall remain employed for (3) three years minimum following graduation.

Mailing Instructions: ***Postmark by: March 18, 2026***
Cooperative Farmers Elevator
AAS Ag Program Sponsorship
PO Box 37
Rock Valley, IA 51247
Or email scholarships@coopfe.com

All questions should be directed to Kristi Habben, Credit Manager at 712-451-6280 or scholarships@coopfe.com.

Specific Instructions: Failure to enclose all the required information, sign the application or meet the deadline date will result in disqualification.

Steps to complete:

1. Complete the application
    a. With signatures
2. **Write 1 (one) essay**
    a. 2 pages maximum
    b. 12-point font, single spaced
3. Include **2 (two)** letters of recommendation
    a. 100 words minimum **EACH**
4. Email or mail (postmark) by March 18, 2026

Cooperative Farmers Elevator AAS Ag Program Applicant Essay

The sponsorship committee of CFE has been entrusted with the task of deciding which candidates will be awarded a 2-year full tuition sponsorship.

On a separate sheet, prepare your essay. Include your name and CFE AAS Ag Sponsorship Application Essay at the top of the pages. Your signature is required at the end of the essay. Two pages maximum, *please use 12-point font, single spaced.*

To help us make this important decision regarding your future, please tell us about yourself. Include any information you think will assist the committee in its consideration of you. Tell us in detail about yourself and your:

- family
- job
- community involvement
- agricultural experience
- volunteer work
- curricular and extra-curricular involvement at school
- aspirations and goals in life

Why should the CFE Sponsorship Committee select you as a sponsorship recipient?

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Full Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: Street, PO Box, City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Mother Occupation: _____ Father Occupation: _____

High School Name and Address: _____

High School Guidance Counselor Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School Guidance Counselor Email: _____

Date of Award Night (High School Seniors): _____ Time of Event: _____

College or Technical School you plan to attend: _____

Address: Street, PO Box, City, State, Zip _____

Expected Major: _____

Name of hometown newspaper: _____ Phone: _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

Please read carefully; By signing this agreement, it is agreed that I have read the CFE Sponsorship guidelines and fully understand the terms and conditions.

I agree that this sponsorship application is valid and includes my own words and thoughts. If awarded a CFE Sponsorship, I give CFE permission to disclose my name, photo, and video in any sponsorship publicity.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the CFE Sponsorship? _____