Texas Farm Bureau Mia Balko Student Teaching Scholarship – Fall 2027
Requirements & Award Criteria

Applications must be submitted on-line on or before 11:59 PM, March 1, 2027
Scholarship awards will be announced May 2027

Four (4) Texas Farm Bureau Mia Balko Student Teaching Scholarships – Fall 2027 will be awarded, valued at $6,000 each

These scholarships will be paid in one disbursement to your university the semester you are student teaching, subject to the scholar's continued compliance with the maintenance criteria set forth herein.

Eligibility requirements

***Please note – applicants must apply the semester prior to their student teaching semester.**

Applicants must:

- ☐ Complete all questions
- ☐ Be a member in good standing of Texas Farm Bureau (*Note - Texas Farm Bureau Membership is a family membership. If listed as a dependent or spouse on the membership, dependents or spouses of Texas Farm Bureau members in good standing are considered to be members (for dependents, only up to age 25). Texas Farm Bureau's membership requirements will apply and govern any determination of membership.*)
- ☐ Be going into your student teaching semester (Fall of 2027)
- ☐ Be a senior agricultural education or equivalent major with the purpose of teaching agriculture
- ☐ Be attending an accredited college or university that provides an agricultural education or equivalent degree program with teaching option
  - Angelo State University
  - Sam Houston State University
  - Stephen F. Austin University
  - Sul Ross State University
  - Tarleton State University
  - Texas A&M University at College Station, Commerce, or Kingsville
  - Texas State University
  - Texas Tech University
  - West Texas A&M University
- ☐ List all sources of tuition funding including scholarships (submitted or received), grants, loans, personal funds, family funds, and any other financial assistance
- ☐ List major agriculture leadership activities & honors
- ☐ List other leadership activities & honors
- ☐ Upload a copy of the applicant's accredited college or university transcript
- ☐ Upload a copy of their major's degree plan with proof of enrollment in their student teaching semester in Fall of 2027
- ☐ Have student teaching supervisor complete and submit the recommendation form (enter their information on the online application; must be completed by advisor on **03/1/27 at 11:59 PM**)

Award criteria

- All TFB Mia Balko Student Teaching scholarships are judged at-large.
- TFB Mia Balko Student Teaching Scholarships are judged by the TFB Scholarship Committee. This committee consists of volunteer TFB county leaders.
- The TFB Scholarship Committee uses a judging rubric to judge each applicant. A numerical score and rank are given to each applicant by the three (3) scholarship committee members judging their application. The sum of the ranks given to each applicant by three (3) scholarship committee members determines the applicant's final ranking in the process.
- The top four highest ranking applicants will receive a Mia Balko Student Teaching scholarship (valued at $6,000).
- The judges may give preference to applicants who, among other criteria, demonstrate involvement in Texas Farm Bureau and/or county Farm Bureau activities, demonstrate significant involvement in extracurricular activities, and/or demonstrate a high GPA.

Maintenance criteria

- To receive any disbursements, scholars must at all times continue to meet the following criteria:
    - Texas Farm Bureau membership in good standing
    - A status of good standing as defined by their university
- Prior to receiving the scholarship disbursement, the scholar must provide:
    - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming semester
    - Executed Scholarship Certificate

Disclosure: In the review of applications for the above scholarships, certain software or other technologies may be utilized, which may include but not be limited to artificial intelligence. All final decisions on scholarship awards will be made by judges utilizing the criteria and the process, in each case, set forth herein.