Texas Farm Bureau Rural Veterinary Scholarship &
Texas Farm Bureau Rural Veterinary Finalist Scholarship
Eligibility Requirements & Award Criteria

Applications must be submitted on-line on or before 11:59 PM, March 1, 2027
Scholarship awards will be announced by the beginning of June 2027

- **Four (4) Texas Farm Bureau Rural Veterinary Scholarships will be awarded, valued at $20,000 each**
- **Four (4) Texas Farm Bureau Rural Veterinary Finalist Scholarships will be awarded, valued at $2,500 each**

These scholarships will be paid in two disbursements to your university, one-half (1/2) each semester of scholar's 3rd or 4th year, subject to the scholar's continued compliance with the maintenance criteria set forth herein.

Eligibility requirements

Previous winners of either the TFB Rural Veterinary Scholarship or the TFB Rural Veterinary Finalist Scholarship are not eligible to apply for either scholarship thereafter

****Please note – applicants must apply in their 2nd or 3rd year of their DVM program.**

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 enrolled in a DVM professional program at Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine or Texas A&M University's School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, and must provide an up-to-date copy of course work and grades
- ☐ Plan on entering a rural mixed and/or food animal practice in Texas upon completion of their DVM program
- ☐ Be a 2nd or 3rd year student at Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine or Texas A&M University's School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences upon scholarship application submission
- ☐ Have a GPA of at least 2.5
- ☐ List all sources of tuition funding including scholarships (submitted or received), grants, loans, personal funds, family funds, and any other financial assistance
- ☐ List major agricultural leadership activities & honors
- ☐ List other leadership activities & honors
- ☐ Upload an up-to-date copy of your Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine or Texas A&M University's School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences transcript
- ☐ Upload your program's degree plan or equivalent

☐ Upload two letters of recommendation, one from each (in Reviewr):

a. A rural mixed and/or food animal veterinarian, and
b. Your current program advisor or other appropriate faculty member affirming you are on track to becoming a rural mixed and/or food animal veterinarian

Award criteria

- TFB Rural Veterinary Scholarships and TFB Rural Veterinary Finalist Scholarships are judged at-large. All applications are judged in a preliminary round by three (3) currently practicing rural mixed and/or food animal veterinarians in Texas.
- These judges use a rubric to judge each applicant. A numerical score and rank are given to each applicant by the judges. The sum of the ranks given to each applicant by the three (3) judges determines the applicant's final ranking in the preliminary judging process.
- The top eight (8) ranking applicants in the preliminary round are automatically named as TFB Rural Veterinary Finalists.
- All TFB Rural Veterinary Finalists are judged by a new, different, set of three (3) currently practicing rural mixed and/or food animal veterinarians in Texas. These judges use a rubric to judge each finalist. A numerical score and rank are given to each applicant by the three (3) judges.
- These three (3) judges interview each finalist via a live 30-minute Zoom interview. The sum of the ranks given to each applicant by the three (3) judges, along with their interview, determine the applicant's final ranking in the process.
- The top four (4) ranking TFB Rural Veterinary Finalists will each receive one (1) of the four (4) TFB Rural Veterinary Scholarships (valued at $20,000), subject to the scholar's continued compliance with the maintenance criteria set forth herein. The remaining four (4) TFB Rural Veterinary Finalists will each receive one (1) of the four (4) TFB Rural Veterinary Finalist Scholarships (valued at $2,500), subject to the scholar's continued compliance with the maintenance criteria set forth herein.
- 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, demonstrate a high GPA, have financial need, and/or demonstrate a clear passion or desire to enter rural mixed and/or food animal veterinary practice upon graduation.

Maintenance criteria

- Prior to receiving the first disbursement, the scholar must provide:
  - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming fall semester
  - Executed Scholarship Certificate
- Prior to receiving the second disbursement, the scholar must:
  - Provide proof of enrollment for the upcoming spring semester
  - Provide proof of grades for the current fall semester
- 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

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.