

# MONETARY

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For College, Vocational or Technical Students

**New Updated  
Deadline!  
April 15, 2026**



## The Charles Skorupa Memorial Farm Scholarship

The Institute for Rural America offers the Charles Skorupa Memorial Farm Scholarship.

### **If you are...**

A college, vocational or technical school student pursuing an ag-related career at an accredited post-secondary school, technical or vocational college.

### **You could receive...**

- \$2,000 as a student pursuing an ag-related career

The amount of the scholarship is determined annually and may vary each year. See inside for additional details and criteria.





**Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2026**

## **MONETARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Institute for Rural America promotes opportunity for independent farmers and rural communities through education, research, advocacy and service. A scholarship is awarded to a college, vocational or technical student who is attending an accredited post-secondary school in an ag-related field. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000.

Recipients will be selected on the following criteria:

- Academic performance, career goals and involvement in agriculture, as well as ag-related clubs and organizations.
- Applicant must be a student enrolled as
  - o Student in good academic standing in an accredited college, community college, vocational or technical college

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*(Please type or print in ink!)*

I am applying for the Charles Skorupa Memorial Post Secondary Education Scholarship

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred address to receive correspondence \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School at time of application \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Projected School Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ High

School name, telephone number and contact person \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of College or other post secondary institution you are attending \_\_\_\_\_

Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

List school activities, offices held, awards and honors received while in college, vocational or technical school. May also include high school activities if enrolled in a post-secondary school less than 2 years. Please note which are current, and which were from high school.

List community activities and honors received (including year(s) participated and offices held)



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Briefly explain why you want to enter a career in an agriculture related field, or production side of the agriculture Industry.  
(Use additional sheet if necessary).

Use this area to go beyond the facts noted in this application and let us know you – this could be your dreams, obstacles you have overcome, influences that have made you who you are, etc. What makes you special and unique and therefore deserving of this scholarship award?

MISCELLANEOUS

List at least one reference from college, community college, vocational or technical school, and include 2 letters of recommendation, or more.

How did you find out about the Charles Skorupa Memorial Scholarship?

CHECKLIST:

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\_\_\_ Application for Monetary Program

\_\_\_ An official copy of your current college/technical/vocational transcript

\_\_\_ List at least one reference from college, including contact information. Include 2 or more letters of recommendation from individuals other than immediate family members.

\*Proof of enrollment, student identification number and contact data at the post secondary institution must be provided before payment can be made.

If you have any questions, please contact Institute for Rural America  
P.O. Box 566  
Ames, Iowa 50010  
800.858.6636

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Scholarship winner's educational institution will receive scholarship payment.***

**About Charles Skorupa**

Strong body and mind were two characteristics Charles Skorupa embodied during his life as a Montana farmer. Chuck began farming and ranching on his own in 1950, beginning with leasing a farm in Bridger, Montana. A great passion was his membership and involvement with the National Farmer's Organization. National Farmers taught him numerous farming and marketing practices and broadened his philosophy of agriculture. The family of Chuck Skorupa designated funds to develop this scholarship program, which is administered by the Institute for Rural America, a not for profit organization recognized by the IRS under code 501(C)3. You may learn more about the organization at <http://www.instituteruralamerica.org>.