

MONETARY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For High School Seniors

**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 high school senior pursuing an ag-related career at an accredited post-secondary school, technical or vocational college.

You could receive...

- \$2,000 as a High School Senior Student

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

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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 high school senior who plans to attend 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 Senior in good academic standing in an accredited high school program

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 _____

Phone Number _____ Year in School at time of application _____

E-mail _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Permanent Address _____

Projected High School Graduation Date _____

High School name, telephone number and contact person _____

Name of College or other post secondary institution you are attending _____

Intended Major or course of study _____



EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

List high school activities, offices held, awards and honors received while in 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 high school, and include 2 letters of recommendation, or more.

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

CHECKLIST:

___ Application for Monetary Program

___ An official copy of your current high school transcript

___ List at least one reference from high school, 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>.