

# OFA Bursary Program

## Terms and Conditions of OFA Bursary Program

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is offering six postsecondary bursaries in 2025. Along with offering three bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 each to students in an undergraduate program, we are also offering a \$2,000 bursary to a person completing an apprenticeship, a \$2,000 bursary for a person completing a post-graduate or leadership development program, as well as a \$2000 bursary for students completing a veterinary program.

Bursary recipients will be selected from applicants who are OFA members, a child of, or employee of an OFA member and are residents of Ontario. Applicants should be able to demonstrate industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, and community involvement.

The selected recipients will be invited to OFA's 2025 Annual General Meeting for an in-person presentation.

The deadline to submit an application is August 31, 2025.

### 1. Bursary Funds:

- The amount of the bursary is \$2,000 per person, for each of the 4 categories.
- The undergraduate bursaries will be awarded regionally, including one recipient from each of three regions across Ontario (Southwest, Central and North-East).

### 2. Eligibility:

- Ontario residents who are entering or are currently completing an undergraduate program, an apprenticeship, a postgraduate, veterinary, or a leadership development program.

### 3. Selection Criteria:

- Residence in Ontario.
- Member, or a child, or employee of a current OFA membership.
- Demonstrated interest in agriculture, and/or rural issues.
- Demonstrated leadership and community involvement.

### 4. Method of Application:

- Apply no later than August 31, 2025 by submitting a completed application form with all supporting documentation. Application forms are available on OFA's website.
- All documentation must be submitted electronically, in one file. OFA will not be responsible for lost or incomplete applications.

### 5. Notification of Winners:

- A member of OFA's Bursary Program committee will notify each of the winners during the first week of November 2025.
- Winners will have their names and photos published in OFA print and on-line materials.

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## 6. Documentation required for electronic submission:

- a) **Application form with OFA membership number** and relationship to membership holder.
- b) One-page **cover letter**, addressed to The Selection Committee and written by the applicant, explaining education goals, professional and academic achievements, and plans for their future involvement in the agricultural industry.
- c) **Resume** including a list of community and agricultural involvement, accomplishments, and awards.
- d) **Proof of enrollment in program** (letter of acceptance if entering school, a timetable for upcoming semester if currently attending post-secondary, or a letter confirming apprenticeship status).
- e) **Letter of recommendation** (from a mentor, employer, volunteer organization community leader, etc.) that outlines your involvement in the industry and community, and your role as a current and/or future leader in agriculture.