

Terms and Conditions

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is offering **eight** scholarships in 2026.

- Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to students in an **undergraduate program**.
- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to a person completing an **apprenticeship**.
- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to a person completing a **postgraduate or career advancement program**.
- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to a student completing a **veterinary program**.
- **Peter Hannam Leadership Award** offers one scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to a person completing a leadership development program.
- **Hydro One** is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a student enrolled in post-secondary education in agricultural engineering, electrical engineering, bioresource engineering, energy management, renewable energy, or environmental sciences with a focus on sustainable energy production related to agriculture and land use.

Scholarship 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 recognized and awarded their scholarship at OFA's 2026 Annual General Meeting in Toronto November 24 – 25. Recipients will be invited to attend the event and participate in a presentation ceremony alongside fellow scholarship winners.

The deadline to submit an application is August 31, 2026.

1. Scholarship Funds:

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

2. Eligibility:

- Ontario residents who are entering or currently pursuing studies that fit any of the eight scholarship offerings outlined above.

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, 2026 by submitting a completed application form, polished essay and all other supporting documentation. Application forms are available on OFA's website at ofa.on.ca/scholarship-program.
- 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 the OFA Scholarship Program committee will notify each of the winners individually no later than Friday, November 6, 2026.

6. Documentation required for electronic submission:

- Application form with OFA membership number** and relationship to membership holder.
- Cover letter**, one-page maximum, 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) **Essay** focused on the topic of leadership and community involvement. Essay must be a maximum of 800 words.

Describe how your leadership and community involvement within agriculture have contributed to your personal growth and development. In your response, highlight your industry-related experiences, demonstrated commitment to agriculture and rural issues, and how these experiences have shaped your values, skills and future goals. How do you plan to apply these learnings to support and strengthen Ontario's agricultural sector moving forward?

- e) **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).
- f) **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.

Use of Application Materials

By applying to the OFA Scholarship Program, applicants agree that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) may use materials submitted as part of the application including essays, written responses, photographs, videos, and related content for future OFA communications. This may include promotional, marketing, educational, or informational uses across OFA publications, websites, social media, and other communication channels. OFA will handle personal information responsibly and in accordance with its privacy policy.