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## 2026 IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) members, spouses, and children are eligible to apply for 120 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. For 2026, the IAA Foundation targets awarding nearly \$340,000 in support. Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences, and response to an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows. A full list of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines are available on the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). The application is open January 1 to February 15, 2026. For more information, contact Hancock County Farm Bureau at 217-357-3141.

## HCFB FOUNDATION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

The objective of the Hancock County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship program is to provide scholarships to college bound students who major in agriculture, agribusiness, ag related courses or have a general interest in agriculture, and to support students with an agriculture major. These scholarships are awarded based on exceptional scholastic ability, involvement in agriculture, and/or financial need. Three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.00. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to apply.

degrees, certificates, or accreditations in various technical agricultural fields will be eligible to apply for funding. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Areas of study could include precision ag technology, diesel power technology, truck driving, electrical, and more. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to apply.

Scholarship applications are online. Information is available from high school guidance counselors and ag teachers, as well as online at <http://www.hancockcountyfarmbureau.com>. The deadline for online submission for both scholarships is March 31, 2026. For more information contact the office by calling (217) 357-3141 or email [hcfbmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hcfbmanager@gmail.com).

Hancock County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship winners in 2025 included Miranda Klingler, Olivia Johnson, Brooklyn Walker, and Keaton Harl.

We are excited to also offer our Technical and Trades scholarship again for 2026. This program, offered by the Hancock County Farm Bureau Foundation, takes aim at a growing need in production agriculture by encouraging the expansion of essential agriculture career pathways. Career-driven students pursuing associate

### Hancock County Farm Bureau Health Screening Event

Where: Hancock County Farm Bureau office  
544 Wabash Ave. Carthage

When: Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026

Time: 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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Farm Bureau members may register by calling the Farm Bureau 217-357-3141 on or before February 19th. Walk-ins only if time is available.

These health screenings are brought to you by Hancock County Farm Bureau in partnership with Country Financial and Memorial Hospital



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## WINTER CROP MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Crop Meeting! On Wednesday, January 14th, Hancock County Farm Bureau hosted 43 Farm Bureau members and area farmers for their Winter Crop Meeting held at Smokin' Gun Hunting Lodge and Event Center in Hamilton, IL. The program began with a presentation by Chip Nellinger, owner of Blue Reef Agri-Marketing. Following Nellinger's grain market update, John

McGillicuddy, an agronomist with McGillicuddy Corrigan Agronomics, spoke on 2025 Agronomy updates. Lunch was provided by the Hancock County Farm Bureau following the meeting. For more information about this event, future programs, or joining the Hancock County Farm Bureau, call 217-357-3141 or visit their website at [www.hancockcountyfarmbureau.com](http://www.hancockcountyfarmbureau.com).

### Screening Costs

Female Screening Cost \$120  
Panel Includes: CBC, CMP, Lipid, TSH, A1C, and Vitamin D

Male Screening Cost \$175  
Panel Includes: CBC, CMP, Lipid, TSH, A1C, Vitamin D, PSA and Testosterone

*This is a value of over \$1,000*

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### Members who attend may also take advantage of

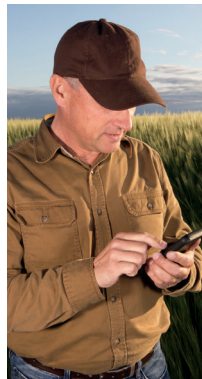
- Body Composition Scale Information
- Skin Screenings by appointment
- Hearing screening

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### Register for door prizes and enjoy a FREE 'Grab and Go' Breakfast

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Chip Nellinger provided a grain market update to area farmers during the Hancock County Farm Bureau's Winter Crop Meeting.



Attendees at the Hancock County Farm Bureau's Winter Crop Meeting listen to John McGillicuddy share field insights and a 2025 agronomy update.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 16 - Office Closed | MARCH 31 - Scholarship Deadline**  
**APRIL 29 - Bus Trip to Pella, IA**