

Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association

2025-2026 Scholarship Application

General Information

Attached to this notice is the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association Scholarship application form. All graduating Vandegrift Senior FFA Members with continuing education plans are encouraged to apply. **Applications must be typed.** Your response to each question should be clear and concise. You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

The deadline for application submission is Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 4:00 pm. To ensure fairness to all applicants, no applications will be accepted after the deadline has passed. No exceptions. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2026 FFA Banquet.

Timeline

April 30th @ 4 pm	Applications Due – NO LATE applications will be accepted
Week of May 4th	Personal interviews with Scholarship Committee
May 13th	Scholarships awarded at the 2026 Annual FFA Banquet

Criteria for Applying

1. Must be an active senior FFA member enrolled in LISD at least 2 years in an agricultural education program.
2. Parent(s) must be a current dues paying member of the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association for a minimum of 2 years no later than November 1st of students senior year.
3. Student GPA minimum 2.75

Application Must Include

1. Copy of completed and typed Scholarship Application
2. Copy of the Official High School Transcript (request ASAP)
3. Copy of student Resume

Evaluation Criteria

Scoring Elements:

Career Development Events (CDE)	20 Points
Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)	20 Points
Leadership Development Events (LDE)	20 Points
FFA Leadership Roles	10 Points
School & community Activities	15 Points
Interview	15 Points
	100 Points Total

*Neatness and general appearance of application

*Evidence of logic and complete thought processes in written responses

*All blanks completed and filled in

*All signatures in correct places as applicable

Judging Information

- *Minimum of 3 judges will be selected to evaluate and rank applications and conduct personal interviews. Vandegrift Ag Advisors will act as Ex Officio non-voting members of the committee.
 - *Judges will act as the official scholarship committee.
 - *Committee of judges will be compiled from outside of the current Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association Board & general membership.
 - *Judges will rank applications and return to the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Board.
 - *All applications will be ranked by total raw score, and the interview score will determine the tie breaker if any ties.
- *The scholarship money will be awarded upon receipt of proof of registration from the college/trade/technical school of the recipient's choice. **Recipients must provide: student college ID number, mailing address for the institution, the institution's required financial aid/payment form, desired semester for funds to be applied, as well as the institution's deadline for receiving scholarship funds.**

If proof of registration/enrollment has not been received by Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association within 30 days after the start of the Fall Semester, the award becomes null and void.

If the recipient plans on starting a college/trade/technical school at a later date, proof of acceptance must be received by the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association before June 14th, 2026. The scholarship can be held for up to one academic year following high school graduation. If the recipient chooses not to pursue continuing education after one academic year, the scholarship is forfeited, and funds will go back into the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association account.

I, _____ certify that this information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association Scholarship Committee to review my scholarship application and academic records as submitted and required for the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association Scholarship program. I understand that if I am a scholarship recipient and I do not get the required information to the Vandegrift FFA Alumni Association prior to the June 14th, 2026 deadline, my scholarship will become null and void.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date