

Application, Eligibility & Instructions for CS Young Farmers Scholarship Application

2023-2024

This application is reviewed by a selected scholarship committee made up of China Spring Young Farmers Association members every two years not exceeding four years. Of the review year; the review and changes will be made by the January CSYFA scheduled meeting.

Applications are to be turned in to a non-senior parent FFA advisor. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the application within a timely manner allowing for possible corrections needed by the applicant so that the application is verified and approved by the Verification Committee BEFORE May 6th at 4pm. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Applications **MUST** meet **ALL** eligibility requirements! No exceptions.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applications can be downloaded at www.chinaspring.ffa.org on the scholarship page.
2. Application must be typed and printed out.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better (including multipliers) through the first semester of their senior year.
4. Students must have a parent, or guardian who is a dues paid member of CSYFA for the past two consecutive years (students junior and senior year.) If the student has transferred into the district, they need to show proof of the two consecutive years of participation in a Young Farmers Association or a FFA/4H booster club by submitting an advisor letter and transcript from a past organization.
5. Students must be graduating seniors of China Spring High School.
6. Students must have received the Chapter Farmer degree prior to their senior year.
7. Scholarship funds are intended for the payment of fees associated with the pursuit of higher education, whether at a four-year institution, junior college, or trade/vocational school. Use of scholarship funds for anything other than intended purposes is prohibited.
8. The student must be a current FFA dues paying member their junior and senior years.

NOTE: 2023/2024 seniors who were dues-paying members in FFA approved agriculture/shop classes their junior year, but are not dues-paying FFA members and are in non FFA approved agriculture/shop classes their senior year; will STILL qualify. This is due to unseen changes made early in the school year by the Texas State FFA Association which changed what agriculture/shop classes would be qualified for FFA. THIS IS FOR THE 2023/2024 SENIOR YEAR ONLY.

Delayed Payment of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds are to be paid out, in full, to a designated academic institution in the fall semester following the award. There are two exceptions to this rule:

a. Gap Semester/Year. If a student delays enrollment into an institution of higher learning, the scholarship funds may be held over for a maximum of one year. To exercise this option, the scholarship awardee must notify the Association via email of their decision to delay entry, prior to 1 October of the year awarded. Awardees will send notification email to chinaspringyoungfarmers@gmail.com, with their intended timeline to use the scholarship funds. Funds not paid to an institution by 1 October of the year following graduation, will result in the permanent forfeiture of the scholarship funds. Example: If a student is awarded a scholarship in May of 2024, the funds must be paid to a learning institution by no later than 1 October 2025.

b. Entry Into Military Service. If a student enlists into any branch of the military following graduation, the scholarship funds may be held over for a maximum of two years. To exercise this option, the scholarship awardee must notify the Association via email of their decision to join the military, prior to 1 October of the year awarded. Awardees will send notification email to chinaspringyoungfarmers@gmail.com, with their intended timeline to use the scholarship funds. Funds not paid to an institution of higher learning by 1 October of the second year following graduation, will result in the permanent forfeiture of the scholarship funds. Example: If a student is awarded a scholarship in May of 2024, the funds must be paid to a learning institution by no later than 1 October 2026

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS JUDGED?

Verification Committee:

This committee will be selected by the CSYFA Officer Team. The committee will consist of: a CSYFA non-senior parent officer, a CSYFA non-senior parent member, and a non-senior parent FFA advisor. They will be responsible for verifying and accepting applications before all applications are submitted to judges. Once applications are judged, this committee will verify accuracy of score points and that all judges papers are complete.

Judges:

Judges will be selected by the CSYFA Verification Committee. Judges will be 3 adults that have no affiliation to the applicants, are not employed by China Spring High School, and have not been a CSYFA member the past 4 years.

Judges will score all applications per the CSYFA rubric score sheet. A total of the scores will be the applicants final score and determine a students ranking for a scholarship award. The judges final score sheet will provide the CSYFA score ranking card and the total funds available by CSYFA for the years' applicants.

Score Ranking Card

Points	Maximum Award Amount	Minimum Award Amount
241-300	\$2000.00	\$1700.00
181-240	\$1600.00	\$1300.00
121-180	\$1200.00	\$900.00
61-120	\$800.00	\$500.00
0-60	\$250.00	\$100.00

After the last scheduled fundraiser for the school year, CSYFA members will vote annually on the amount of funds which will be transferred into the scholarship bank account for the next year scholarship applications. (Based on the estimated qualifying applicants for the next year.) Minimum scholarship award bank account amount is \$7500.00.

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED?

Recipients will be notified and given a certificate at the year-end FFA banquet. All scholarship recipients will be announced at the China Spring award night and graduation exercises.

Funds will be given directly to the educational establishment for the students' use. A copy of a student's ID for the educational establishment, along with a class schedule will need to be given to CSYFA treasurer for funds to be released. The students must be enrolled in their educational establishment as a full time student.