

2016-17 Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. Scholarships Guidelines

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Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. is to assist in improving the quality of rural life in this state by providing broader educational opportunities for interested farm family and rural area students. The broadening of health care, the broadening of educational systems, the enhancement of cultural offerings, and the modernization of agricultural practices are among the important objectives of this Foundation.

Scholarship / Categories

A total of 30 scholarships are available to Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) students in the amount of \$500 per year.

Scholarships are intended to defray the educational costs for **full-time (12 or more credits) and part-time (6-11 credits)** Nursing or Agriculture / Agribusiness programs in Wisconsin technical colleges. Eligible programs include: **Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Majors (15 Scholarships)**

- Agribusiness/Science Technology
- Dairy Herd Management
- Dairy Science
- Farm Business & Production Management
- Farm Management
- Farm Operation
- Veterinary Technician

Nursing Majors (15 Scholarships)

- Nursing Associate Degree
- Nursing Assistant
- Practical Nursing

Deadline

Applications are due by **December 9, 2016**. Please return completed applications to:

Karen Showers
Education Director
Wisconsin Technical College System Office
4622 University Avenue
P.O. Box 7874
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7874

Final decisions regarding awards are made by Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility

- Must be a Wisconsin resident and enrolled full-time or part-time in an eligible Wisconsin technical college program.
- Must apply for financial aid, and financial need is determined by a financial aid officer at the local technical college.
- Applicant must have been or currently be a member of a family operating a Wisconsin Farm. A family farm is defined as an agricultural entity of any size with the majority of the family income derived from the farm operations. This does not include hobby farms. Farms in other states do not qualify.
- If there are not a sufficient number of approved applicants involved in a Wisconsin Family Farm, consideration may then be given to a person from a rural Wisconsin area. Rural is defined as a township, village or city with a population of less than 20,000, based on the most recent Federal Census.
- In the event an applicant has completed his / her first year, prior academic achievement will be considered.
- If candidates meet all eligibility requirements, demonstrated leadership ability will be used as a deciding factor.