



Ag Commitment Scholarship

2025-2026

To be eligible for the 2025-2026 Ag Comittment Scholarship Program, students must:

1. Be eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Illinois Alternative Application for Student Aid.
2. Be declared in an Agriculture Associate of Applied Science Degree plan.
3. Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per term toward the ag degree.
4. Submit this application by August 01, 2025.

Ag Commitment Scholarship Program Conditions: 2025-2026

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A tuition scholarship awarded to five students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student must file a 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Illinois Alternative Application for Financial Aid listing Southwestern Illinois College. If the student is eligible for federal and state grant aid, additional information may be required and will be requested by the Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment Office. **SWIC School Code: 001636**
2. The student must be a degree seeking student with a primary program of study of Associate in Applied Science in Agricultural Business (0082) or Agronomy (0083).
3. The student must maintain a 67% cumulative completion rate to receive the award.
4. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours for fall and spring semesters to receive the scholarship.
5. The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Ag Commitment Scholarship Award Details

Fall 2025: \$500 Spring 2026: \$500

Fall 2026: \$500 Spring 2027: \$500

Total Award: \$2,000

- Only **complete** applications received by the August 1st deadline will be considered.
- The SWIC Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients based upon the above criteria, as well as responses on the application and unmet financial need. Candidates will be notified in of the decision through their SWIC student email.
- The scholarship is awarded for fall and/or spring semesters. Summer semester is not Ag Commitment Scholarship eligible.
- The scholarship is for tuition only for classes that appear on student's academic transcripts. The scholarship does NOT pay fees, books, or proficiency examination costs.
- Scholarship award funds will be applied to tuition charges after Illinois MAP grant when applicable, but before any Federal Pell Grant or Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans.

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Ag Commitment Scholarship Program Application: 2025-2026

Name _____ SWIC ID # _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

Application Instructions

Complete this application by filling out the information requested above. Read and sign the statement at the bottom of this page. Return the application and required documents to the Financial Aid and Student Employment Office, Southwestern Illinois College (Belleville Campus). All materials must be received by August 01, 2025. You will be notified by email of the committee's decision. The scholarship does NOT pay fees, books, or proficiency examination costs. Tuition due prior to receipt of the award letter will be the responsibility of the student, but any qualifying tuition paid will be refunded to the student after the scholarship is disbursed.

Describe any experience you have related to agriculture. (Please use a separate sheet of paper if needed.)

What does agriculture mean to you, and why is it important in today's world?

How would receiving this scholarship impact your education and career in agriculture?

Please read and sign the following statement.

I certify the information reported on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read the conditions of this scholarship as outlined in this application, agree to abide by them, and understand that:

- A. Renewal requires a student to maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA and a cumulative completion rate of at least 67%.
- B. All scholarship requirements must be met to receive and maintain the scholarship. There is no appeal process to regain the scholarship once lost.
- C. There are a limited number of recipients selected for this scholarship. Application does not guarantee I will receive the scholarship.

I authorize the release of information concerning my tuition scholarship award to the media for general distribution.

Student Signature _____ Date _____