**BELTON FFA / 4H BOOSTER CLUB**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

I. WHO MAY APPLY

* Applicant must be a Belton ISD senior or Homeschooled student who will graduate during the school year of this application. Homeschooled student must reside within BISD attendance boundaries.
* Applicant must be a member in good standing of Belton FFA, FCCLA, and/or 4-H.
* Applicant must have had 3 or more years of FFA, FCCLA, and/or 4-H club work as verified by an Instructor, Advisor or Administrative Designee.

II. SELECTION CRITERIA

* Academic achievement, excellence in Agricultural Science Programs, participation in Chapter/Club activities, and aptitude to pursue scholastic or technical training will be considered.
* Applicants may be asked to complete a panel interview with the Belton FFA and 4-H Booster Club Board of Directors.
* Awards and amounts will be determined without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, or disability.
* Scholarships will be awarded by the Belton FFA/4H Booster Club Board of Directors and are final.

III. HOW TO APPLY

* Applications may be obtained from the Bell County Agriculture Extension Office or the Belton FFA web page at <https://belton.ffanow.org>.

IV. DUE DATE

* Applications are due the April 15 and must be submitted by email to **beltonffa4hboosters@gmail.com**

V. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

* Applications **MUST** be complete and the following documents **MUST** accompany the emailed application. *Failure to answer all application questions, complete all fields or include required documents will be grounds for the application to be disqualified from consideration*:

( ) Copy of high school transcript that includes the fall semester of the senior year;

( ) One letter of recommendation from a teacher or instructor (**Not an Ag Teacher, 4H Advisor or County Extension Agent);** and

( ) One letter of recommendation from school principal, administrator or other non-family member.

VI. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS

* Scholarships are reviewed and awarded based on the rules and guidelines set forth in the published Belton FFA/4-H Booster Club By-Laws available on the https://belton.ffanow.org web page.
* Belton FFA and 4-H Booster Club scholarship awards will be made payable student for use at a college, university, vocational, or technical institution of his/her choice as long as it is fully accredited and entitled to participate in the Federal student financial assistance programs administered by the Department under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended.
* The Scholarship award recipients will receive instructions in their award packet detailing the steps they need to complete to receive their scholarship monies.
* The student will receive 50% of the scholarship funds upon enrollment after providing the Belton FFA / 4-H Booster Club Secretary proof of the enrollment. Please allow four weeks for processing of the check requests.
* The remaining 50% will be awarded after the completion of a minimum of 12 Semester Hours of course work and maintaining a GPA of 2.0. The scholarship recipient can email a copy of their first semester transcript showing 12 Semester Hours completed to the Belton FFA and 4-H Booster Secretary.
* The awarded scholarship monies must be requested and used within the first year the scholarship is awarded. If an extenuating circumstance exists which prevents the student from enrolling or completing 12-credit hours, the student may present their case in writing to the Board of Directors for review.
* Any scholarship monies unclaimed or not used after one-year will be forfeited and placed back in the scholarship fund for use as determined by the Board of Directors.