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Dear Educator:

The independent Farm Credit Services associations in North Dakota, headquartered in Mandan and Minot, are awarding a total of \$10,000 in scholarships. Ten scholarships for \$1,000 each will be awarded to high school seniors who plan to enroll in college this fall. Four will be awarded in Mandan's association territory and six awarded in Minot's association territory.

The recipient may be from an actively farming or ranching family **OR** planning to pursue an agricultural career. This means that seniors from a farming or ranching family are eligible, regardless of their career intentions. **OR**, seniors intending to pursue ag careers are eligible, regardless of whether they have a farm background. In either case, scholarships are not awarded until the students show proof of enrollment in college.

Application deadline is March 1, 2016. Please make these scholarship applications available to any of your seniors who meet the criteria as stated on the application. Feel free to photocopy the application if you need additional copies.

We are sending news releases on this scholarship to the media throughout the state. The news releases indicate that students may obtain scholarship application forms from their high school counselor or principal, from their Ag Educator, from Farm Credit Services offices in western North Dakota, or on either of the two websites: www.farmcreditmandan.com or www.farmcreditnd.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 1-800-264-1265 or 701-852-1265. Thank you for helping us get this message out to your students.

Sincerely,

Teresa Kjellberg

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Scholarship Coordinator

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Farm Credit Services

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Scholarships In Agriculture

Application for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

Application deadline: March 1, 2016

Farm Credit Services of Mandan and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota (Minot) are offering scholarships for high school seniors entering college in the fall of 2016. Scholarship awards are \$1,000 each. Applicants must be from an actively farming or ranching family OR must be planning to pursue a career in farming or some other aspect of agriculture such as agricultural extension, agricultural education, soil conservation, farm and ranch management, agricultural finance, veterinary medicine or agri-business. Applicants must be residents of the following North Dakota counties: Adams, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Divide, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Ward, Wells or Williams.

Selection is based on academic aptitude, vocational promise, personal attributes, leadership and financial need. Children of FCS employees and board members are not eligible to apply.

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
HOME ADDRESS (STREET OR ROUTE)		CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE NO.				
HIGH SCHOOL		CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE NO.				
AGE	BIRTHDAY	COUNTY	APPLICANT E-MAIL ADDRESS	
NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN		Family active in farming/ranching? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
OCCUPATION OF FATHER		OCCUPATION OF MOTHER		
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND		MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY		
Have you worked while in high school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Type of work performed:		
DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND WHAT PERSONAL QUALITIES YOU THINK WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS: (Please attach a separate sheet if you need additional space.)				

List extracurricular activities in which you participated during your freshman through senior years on a separate sheet of paper. Include scholastic, youth, athletic, student government, student publications, musical, and church organizations; volunteer work; school and community honors received.

Years 4-H Experience:	Years FFA Experience:	Briefly describe your major 4-H and/or FFA project work:

Indicate financing for your first year of college, including tuition, fees, books, room and board:

SOURCE OF FUNDS		EST. AMOUNT	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
Personal Savings				
Parents				
Employment				
Student Loan				
Grants or Scholarships				
Other				
Are there any factors to consider regarding your financial need?				

REFERENCES: Ask two individuals other than relatives to write letters of recommendation in support of your application. These letters must be enclosed with your application. If no recommendations are received, the applicant will be disqualified.

PHOTO REQUIRED: Please enclose a recent wallet-size photo which may be used with an announcement story in the event you are awarded a scholarship. Please use envelope for photo – no staples or paperclips.

Signature of Applicant	Date
PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR.	
Number of students in graduation class: _____ Applicant's rank in class: _____ GPA: _____	
ACT Composite Score: _____ PSAT/SAT Range Scores: _____/_____/_____ Other: _____	
Please evaluate applicant on scholastic aptitude, vocational promise, achievement, personal attributes, and leadership abilities:	
Are there any special circumstances regarding this applicant you feel merit consideration? These could include financial limitations, the student's desire to attend college, personal or career goals, family situation, etc.	

Signature of Principal or School Counselor _____ Date _____

PRINCIPAL/SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

1. Attach a copy of applicant's high school transcript to date.
2. Forward the application, transcript copy, and reference letters to: Teresa Kjellberg, FCS Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 70, Minot, ND 58702. Applications will be disqualified without a transcript copy and reference letters.

Deadline for applications is: March 1, 2016.

All applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2016. No exceptions will be allowed.