



Dear Applicant:

Attached is the 2010 application form. Before you complete your application, please read this letter **and** the attached helpful tips.

The Cape Fear Farm Credit Scholarship Award is available each year to a student residing in the counties served by Cape Fear Farm Credit, with at least one year of membership with FFA. This scholarship award is the result of a partnership established between Cape Fear Farm Credit and FFA in 2007. The student selected will receive a scholarship award in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year for up to four years.

Dependents of Cape Fear Farm Credit members and/or employees will receive extra points towards the final score in consideration for this scholarship. However, this advantage does NOT suggest or guarantee selection of the applicant, as all applicants (regardless of association with Cape Fear Farm Credit) will be considered equally in terms of academic performance and overall judging criteria.

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must be accepted at a college or university program as a full-time undergraduate student. (High school seniors, and others, may apply pending acceptance.) Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or similar grade assessment) and must also have citizenship in the United States. Additional criteria are listed on the application form.

Please return your application as soon as possible. **Applications must be mailed (postmarked by regular mail) no later than Friday, February 5, 2010 to meet the deadline. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Finalists for the Cape Fear Farm Credit Scholarship Award will be contacted for an interview with the Scholarship Committee at a mutually convenient date and time. The scholarship decision will be made in April by the Scholarship Committee and the recipient will be notified in May or June of 2010.

Cape Fear Farm Credit expects to receive numerous applications this year and cannot confirm receipt of applications by phone. If you would like to verify that your completed application was received, please inquire by e-mail. Should you have any questions regarding the application process please call 910-323-9188 ext. 3238. Our office hours are 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Skipper S. Jones".

Skipper S. Jones
Vice President / Marketing Manager
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Cape Fear Farm Credit Scholarship Awards

Qualifications:

- Must have citizenship in the United States
- Must reside in one of the following counties: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland
- Must have at least one year membership with FFA
- GPA: 3.0 – 4.0 on an un-weighted scale
- SAT score: 1500 – 2400 (total Critical Reading, Math, and Writing)
 - o OR ACT score: 22 – 36

Commitment:

- Merit based
- This award is for four years or estimated time to complete degree
- Can be used towards any accredited college or university, public or private
- Carries a GPA requirement of 3.0 to maintain scholarship funds
- Undergraduate program only

Amount:

- \$2,000 per year, assuming all commitments are met

Application Procedure:

- Complete scholarship application form (**it must be signed and dated**)
- Please provide a summary (not to exceed 500 words) of your educational status including your accomplishments and any extracurricular activities. Within your summary, describe your career plans, goals, and personal ambitions. Also, describe your interest and/or commitment to Southeastern NC agriculture and/or rural development.
- Include an official copy of your transcripts. Transcripts must show the most recently completed semester.
- List 3 references (see “tip” sheet for required information).
- Attach all information together putting the scholarship application form first. Please do not staple.

Return all materials by Friday, February 5, 2010 to the following address:

Cape Fear Farm Credit Scholarship Awards
Attention: Skipper Jones
PO Box 2405
Fayetteville, NC 28302



Cape Fear Farm Credit Scholarship Application Form

**Cape Fear Farm Credit Administrative Office
PO Box 2405
Fayetteville, NC 28302
910-323-9188**

If you have more information than will fit under a category, please attach an additional page to this application form.

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Date of birth:

Sex: MALE or FEMALE

Social Security Number:

High school from which you will graduate:

College/University Choice:

Anticipated Major:

Class Rank _____ Out Of _____ Ranked High School Students

G.P.A.: _____ /4.00 (unweighted) G.P.A.: _____ (weighted)

SAT Total Score: _____ Date taken: _____

Critical Reading Score: _____ Math Score: _____ Writing Score: _____

ACT Score: _____ Date taken: _____

Parent(s) Guardian(s) Name(s):

Are you the dependent of a Cape Fear Farm Credit member or employee? YES or NO

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Academic Honors and Awards: *(Please indicate the school year(s) in which you received each honor/award)*

Extracurricular activities: *(Include any leadership positions/roles held. Please indicate the school year(s) in which you participated in each activity)*

Community and other activities: *(Include community activities, honors, leadership roles, and/or awards. Please indicate the school year(s) in which you participated in each activity)*

Work experience: *(Include present and previous employment. Please provide the dates you held each position and explain your responsibilities/duties)*

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Scholarship Application Essay: *(you may use the space provided below or attach essay to scholarship application form)*

Please provide a summary (not to exceed 500 words) of your educational status including your accomplishments and any extra curricular activities. Within your summary, describe your career plans, goals, and personal ambitions. Also, describe your interest and/or commitment to Southeastern North Carolina agriculture and/or rural development.

Certification: *(to be signed by all applicants)*

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit related to this scholarship process is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Cape Fear Farm Credit to access the scholarship application information provided by me, as well as other official and unofficial information regarding my academic progress and status, for the purpose of providing information concerning my eligibility as a scholarship recipient. I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of my scholarship funding, if selected as a recipient.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

HELPFUL TIPS

These suggestions are provided to assist you in completing your application. Please consider them carefully.

1. Always type or print clearly. Check carefully for spelling mistakes and poor grammar. When submitting an application it is always best to use an 8.5 x 11 envelope. Special delivery services are not necessary.
2. Be sure to include all awards, honors, and citations that you may have earned in sports, vocations, fraternal organizations or school. Mention special talents that you may have.
3. When listing references, always include their full name, title/profession, complete address and telephone number. You can use the name of any person who is not related to you. Letters of reference are not required.
4. Apply promptly. The best time to fill out an application is when you receive it.

Judging Criteria for Scholarship Interviews

If you are selected as a finalist, you will be contacted for an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Interview will have five areas of concentration for questioning and discussion. Each section will be weighted equally at 20% (20 points) for a total score up to 100 points. A child or qualifying dependent of a Cape Fear Farm Credit member or employee will automatically receive three points added to their final score.

Areas of Concentration:

1. Academics/grades
2. Leadership (roles and/or capabilities)
3. Extracurricular activities/community involvement
4. Work ethic (demonstration of self motivation, discipline, etc.)
5. Interest and/or commitment to Southeastern NC agriculture and/or rural development