

WISCONSIN SHEEP BREEDERS COOPERATIVE

2026 Scholarship Application

Up to \$3,000.00 in scholarships will be awarded annually based on the quality of applications submitted. Scholarship amounts may vary from \$500-\$1,000, with \$1,000 being the most awarded per applicant. Scholarship amounts will be determined by merit at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS/WINNERS

- ✓ Parents or applicant themselves must have been members of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Coop for a minimum of (2) consecutive years, which should include the year of application. Dues for the previous year cannot be back-paid.
- ✓ Must be a high school senior graduating in 2026, or a college student age 25 or under, with at least one complete year of college documented by the application deadline.
- ✓ Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited 4-year college, community college, technical school, or the UW Agriculture Short Course in the fall of 2026.
- ✓ Previous WSBC scholarship winners are not eligible to re-apply.
- ✓ Applicant must have carried sheep as a 4-H or FFA project for a minimum of 2 years.
- ✓ **Payment Requirements: Scholarship winners must have maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA on the official transcript submitted for payment. Official transcripts must also provide proof that a minimum of 12 credits have been maintained per semester if selected as a scholarship winner.**

DEADLINE: Postmarked/Emailed by July 25, 2026.

Applications must be both mailed AND emailed.

Mail hard copies to: Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative

5316 N Northwood Trace, Janesville, WI 53545

Email electronic copies to: wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com

Questions? Feel free to contact the WSBC office below:

Jill Alf: 608/743-9080, or email wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com

~~ Please Use the Application Below as a Template for your Completed Application ~~
Please save your application to email as a PDF file.

2026 Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative Scholarship Application

Name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Applicant Phone: _____ Applicant Email: _____

Names of Parent/Guardian _____

Parents Phone: _____ Parents Email: _____

List number of years, and specifically what years that you or your family have been members of the WI Sheep Breeders Cooperative:

High School Attended _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____ GPA _____

Name of College/Vocational School/Technical School/Short Course in which you are attending or have been accepted to:

Expected Graduation Date _____ Current College GPA if applicable _____

Have you maintained 12 credits per semester if currently in college? _____

List Major to be studied or currently studying: _____

The information above is page 1 of your application. Please add a picture of yourself above or below this information, but on your front page.

Page 2 and Beyond: [Applications should be sent as a PDF](#). Below is a list of questions we ask that you answer. Copy and paste each question into your own document. There is no length requirement for your answer, but you will be judged on how complete your answer is. The use of bullets is encouraged when answers are in list form. Pictures scanned into your application are not required but are encouraged as they add interest and further documentation of your experience.

- I. SUMMARIZE YOUR SHEEP PROJECT AND DESCRIBE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLE IN ITS CARE AND MANAGEMENT
- II. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND HOW YOU HAVE GROWN BY RAISING SHEEP OR BEING INVOLVED IN THE SHEEP PROJECT
- III. DESCRIBE/LIST YOUR PARTICIPATION IN WISCONSIN SHEEP BREEDER COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES
- IV. DESCRIBE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OTHER COUNTY, STATE OR NATIONAL SHEEP RELATED GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS
- V. LIST YOUR 4-H AND/OR FFA OFFICES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD
- VI. LIST HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED IN 4-H AND/OR FFA
- VI. LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP ROLES, HONORS EARNED WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH, COMMUNITY, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY
- VII. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

Please mail/postmark your application by no later than July 25, 2026, and send to:

WSBC, 5316 N Northwood Trace, Janesville, WI 53545

1. FOUR copies of your application. Copies do not need to be submitted in color.
2. FOUR copies of your letter of recommendation from a non-family member. Please include this person's name, phone number and email address for verification.
3. A photo of yourself should be scanned into the first page of your application. And, a digital picture must be emailed with your electronic application submission. Winners will be featured on the WSBC website.

4. FOUR copies of your most current high school or college OFFICIAL transcripts.

Additionally, please email your PDF application, letter of recommendation, official transcript, and scanned jpg photo by 11:59 pm on July 25, 2026 to:

wisconsinsheepbreeders@gmail.com

Failure to follow required submission may result in a disqualification of your application.

Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative 2026 scholarships will be announced at the 2026 Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival to be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, September 11-13, 2026.

Scholarships winners are asked to submit their Fall 2026 college official transcript, reflecting a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and a Spring 2027 class schedule to the WSBC office any time after January 1, 2027. Transcripts also must provide proof of a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Checks will be mailed upon receipt of this information.

The WSBC office address is:

Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative
5316 N Northwood Trace, Janesville, WI 53545