



# ISPFMRA Scholarship Program for Community College Transfer Students

The Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers is an organization of professional men and women engaged in the management of farms and the appraisal of rural property. The Society was formed in 1928, and its members manage the production and marketing of nearly 10 percent of the corn and soybean produced in Illinois. [www.ispfmra.org](http://www.ispfmra.org)

## **You should consider applying for this scholarship if you:**

- Are interested in a career in farm management, rural appraisal, and/or rural consulting.
- Want a rewarding career with competitive pay and abundant employment opportunities.
- Are graduating from a community college in Illinois and are transferring to one of the four in-state agriculture universities (Illinois State, Southern Illinois, University of Illinois, or Western Illinois) to pursue a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

## **Scholarship recipients will receive:**

- Career development and networking opportunities: Interact with industry professionals, build your resume, and make valuable contacts as you prepare for your future.
- A \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to your university to help defray the cost of your junior year.
- On-the-job experience: Recipients spend a day with an industry professional for a structured job shadow opportunity.
- Hotel accommodations and registration for the 1.5-day ISPFMRA Annual Summer Tour, where scholarship recipients will be recognized during a special evening program.
- The opportunity to apply for a \$500 renewable scholarship for your senior year.

## **Eligibility requirements:**

- Permanent Illinois resident and a full-time sophomore at an accredited community college in Illinois.
- Transferring to Illinois State, Southern Illinois, University of Illinois, or Western Illinois to pursue a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.
- Interest in a career in farm management, rural appraisal, and/or rural consulting.
- Submission of a transcript, application, and one letter of endorsement from a community college advisor or instructor, employer, etc.
- Commitment to:
  - Complete a one-day job shadow experience with an industry professional prior to the start of the Fall 2019 semester.
  - Complete a job shadow program evaluation report.
  - Attend the 2019 ISPFMRA Summer Tour.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2019.

## ISPFMRA Community College Transfer Scholarship Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of parents or guardians: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and amount of other scholarships received while enrolled at community college:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours spent working during school year while enrolled at community college:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Community College and University information:**

Community College currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities, leadership experience, awards, and honors received while enrolled at community college:

University you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your career goals and why you are interested in a career in farm management, rural appraisal, and/or rural consulting.

**Job Shadow Experience:** You can suggest a farm management, rural appraisal, or rural consulting professional for your job shadow experience, or the ISPFMRA can place you with an industry professional. Please indicate your preference below:

\_\_\_\_\_ If possible, I would like to complete the job shadow experience with (please provide name and location): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already contacted this individual about possibly hosting your job shadow experience? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer that the ISPFMRA pair with me with a job shadow mentor.

Please indicate your preference for this mentor to be near your:

\_\_\_\_\_ Home

\_\_\_\_\_ Community College (if different than your home)

\_\_\_\_\_ University

\_\_\_\_\_ No preference

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## Letter of Endorsement

(To be completed by a Community College advisor or instructor, employer, etc.)

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for an ISPFMRA Community College Transfer Scholarship. From my personal knowledge and experience, this student has the characteristics and career potential to be a worthy representative of his or her campus and community. Therefore, I endorse this student as a quality candidate to receive a scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



## ISPFMRA Community College Transfer Scholarship Program Agreement

I acknowledge that by applying for the ISPFMRA Community College Transfer Scholarship Program, I am committing myself to follow the guidelines found on page 1 of this scholarship application. I understand that if selected, I will only receive scholarship money and recognition for participating in the program if I:

- Graduate from an accredited Illinois Community College prior to the Fall 2019 semester.
- Enroll for classes at Illinois State, Southern Illinois, University of Illinois, or Western Illinois for the Fall 2019 semester to pursue a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.
- Complete the job shadow experience prior to the Fall 2019 semester.
- Complete the job shadow program evaluation report prior to the Fall 2019 semester.
- Attend the 2019 ISPFMRA Summer Tour.

I have read, understand, and agree to the application items and statements listed above.

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Signature

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Date

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### **Application Checklist:**

A completed scholarship application consists of:

- ✓ Completed application with signed and dated ISPFMRA Community College Transfer Scholarship Program Agreement
- ✓ 1 professional letter of endorsement from a community college advisor or instructor, employer, etc.
- ✓ Community College transcript

### **To submit your application:**

Mail all documents to:

Dr. Maria Boerngen, ISPFMRA Academic Vice-President

Illinois State University, Campus Box 5020

Normal, IL 61790-5020

- **Complete and mail all documents by Feb. 1, 2019.**
- **ISPFMRA will notify all applicants of scholarship decisions by April 1, 2019.**

Please contact Dr. Boerngen at 309-438-8097 or [maboern@ilstu.edu](mailto:maboern@ilstu.edu) with questions.