



CentralStar

Scholarship Application 2026

CentralStar's mission of enhancing producer profitability through integrated solutions for mutual success is fulfilled by incorporating an array of products and services critical to dairy-and-beef-farm prosperity. CentralStar's product and service offerings include Accelerated Genetics, GenerVations, and Select Sires genetics; extensive artificial-insemination (A.I.) technician service; genetic, reproduction, and dairy-records consultation; DHI services; diagnostic testing; herd-management products; research and development; and more.

CentralStar's administration and warehouse facilities are located in Lansing, Mich., and Waupun, Wis., with laboratories in Grand Ledge, Mich., and Kaukauna, Wis. The cooperative serves dairy and beef producers throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana, with DHI-specific customers in various surrounding states. For more information, visit CentralStar Cooperative Inc. at www.mycentralstar.com.

Eligibility:

The applicant must be presently enrolled in a four-year college or a one- or two-year technical college or short-course program in an agricultural-related field OR be a high school senior admitted into one of the aforementioned programs. Also, the applicant or their parent(s) must be a stockowner of CentralStar Cooperative.

General Information:

Up to seven (7) winners will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Two of the scholarships are designated for technical-school or short-course students, if two applicants fall in this category and meet the stockowner requirement. Winners will receive notification of their award via e-mail in July or August. Checks are made payable to the university or technical school. If you're a winner, expect the money to pay for your fall semester.

Instructions:

Complete the application fully -- adding additional pages to answer the essay questions. Save as a pdf on your computer with your name included in the file name (ie: John Smith Scholarship 2026.pdf). If you e-mail your application, include all the documents (i.e. transcript, letter of recommendation, etc.) in one e-mail. If you mail your application, include all documents in one envelope.

Email to: danielle.mcknight@mycentralstar.com or

Mail to: CentralStar Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships, P.O. Box 191, Waupun, WI 53963

Application deadline: June 1, 2026



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Personal Information

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Pronouns (optional): _____ DOB: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: __ (____) _____ Home phone: __ (____) _____
E-mail: _____ (We will use e-mail to contact you, so please print clearly.)
Parents/guardians: _____ Farm name: _____
CentralStar representative(s): _____
CentralStar account number: _____

College Intention

University/Technical School: _____
Major(s)/program: _____ Current College GPA (if applicable): _____
Expected date of graduation: _____

Educational Background

High school: _____ GPA/Class Rank: _____
Date of graduation: _____

Five Essays (300 words or less)

1. Tell us about your involvement in all-things agriculture. Include agricultural organizations, leadership roles, and/or special projects.
2. Provide information about other community involvement: non-agricultural organizations, leadership roles, and volunteering.
3. Include information about your work experience and what you've learned from that activity.
4. Please list special honors/awards you've received.
5. Briefly describe your plans for the future, including education and career goals.

Essay (500 words or less)

- Summarize your involvement and experiences that demonstrate your commitment to the agriculture industry.

Additional Documents

- School transcript: e-mail or mail along with your application
- One letter of recommendation: e-mail or mail along with your application (someone not related to you)