



**AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN  
DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN  
AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Jean Ibendahl Scholarship (for ages 18-23)**
- **Sister Thomas More Bertels Scholarship (for ages 24+)**

These two scholarships are available to any farm, ranch or agribusiness woman or her daughter to pursue accredited courses in agriculture leadership, communications, rural sociology, medicine, or any other courses directly related to agriculture.

The Jean Ibendahl Scholarship was initiated in 1991 by AAW member and educator, Jean Ibendahl of Tamaroa, Illinois. It was later supported by a generous endowment of \$10,000 by Jean and her husband Calvin. It is further maintained by donations by AAW members and affiliates. This scholarship is available to high school graduates and women aged 18-23.

The Sister Thomas More Bertels Scholarship was begun in 1991 to honor a founding mother of AAW. Sister T. More Bertels was a history teacher at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI. She traveled the United States and Canada extolling the virtues of agriculture and empowering producers to realize their potential. This scholarship is available to women who are returning students in agriculture and are 24 years old or older.

Both scholarships are for \$1,000. Applications for each scholarship are to be received between January 1 and March 1. They must be postmarked by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year.

**CRITERIA FOR AWARD:**

- Scholarship money will be used for tuition.
- Scholarship awards will be granted only once per individual.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Must be a farmer, rancher or be the wife, daughter or a close relative of a farmer, rancher or other person employed in agriculture.
- There must be an economic or financial need.
- Knowledge of or work experience in agriculture.
- Grade Point Average or placement tests are considered. Scholarship funds maybe used for tuition for recognized courses in agriculture leadership, technology, communications, education, rural sociology, medicine or other courses directly related to agriculture and the needs in agricultural communities.
- **Three signed and dated letters of reference need to be provided with the application.**
- Applications must be postmarked by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year to please type and mail to AAW Foundation, PO Box 103, Baileyville, IL 61007 and emailed to [aawfoundationscholarships@americanagriwomen.org](mailto:aawfoundationscholarships@americanagriwomen.org)
- Complete typed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year.
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.
- Results will be posted on the AAW website - [www.americanagriwomen.org](http://www.americanagriwomen.org) - no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Only recipients will be notified personally.
- If selected, please submit how this scholarship has benefitted you, to [foundation@americanagriwomen.org](mailto:foundation@americanagriwomen.org)



**EDUCATION** (continued)

Ag Courses: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Technical or Specialized Training School name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: (Hours/Credits/Degree/Certificate): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ag Courses: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average in High School or Placement Test Score (ACT OR SAT): \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Awards: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your personal goals? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you predict for American agriculture in 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

College, university or accredited agriculture courses in communications, leadership, technology, economics, rural sociology or other agriculture-related courses for which these funds will be used for tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting scholarship for:  Summer  Fall  Spring and  Full-Time  Part-Time

Send scholarship tuition funds to:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Box)

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ESSAY**

On a separate page please write a typewritten, one-page essay on why you deserve this scholarship. Please attach your essay to this application.

### **REFERENCES**

On a separate page please list name, address, and occupation of **THREE** personal/business references and include a signed and dated letter of recommendation from each reference listed. Please attach your references to this application.

### **Creed**

**I believe that farm, ranch and agribusiness women play an indomitable role in the industry of agriculture. We are endowed with a work ethic, and invincible spirit and a devotion to family and mankind. I believe the nation's strength lies in perpetuating our goals and ambitions as we strive to enhance our way of life in business and social partnerships within our families, our communities and our world. I will support these endeavors and do everything within my power to bring them to fruition.**

*I agree that this application and all attachments may be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection by the American Agri-Women Foundation Scholarship Committee and/or a representative designated by said committee.*

*I also state that all information is correct to the best of my knowledge.*

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

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