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Hello, Members!

Fall Newsletter

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Website update:

The MWA website is undergoing some updates. As we work through this process please be patient and thorough.

See the MWA updates and news section for more details.

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# Meet our College Ambassadors!

## Hayley Meriwether

As a devoted student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Mississippi State University, I always want to deepen my understanding of plants and promote their significance in our daily lives. I have a background in horticulture, and I am currently pursuing my Master's in Agriculture Extension and Education researching the effects of school gardens on attitudes of fruits and vegetables.

In my free time, you can often find me studying plants I find while hiking, reading, and gardening.



## Abbigaile Hunsucker

Abbigaile Hunsucker is originally from Lynchburg, Tennessee, but has planted her roots in Starkville, Mississippi. Here, she resides with her two loyal Australian Shepherds, and a trio of horses.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Leadership, Animal and Dairy Science, with a minor in International Agriculture from Mississippi State University.

As an ambassador for Mississippi Women in Agriculture, Abbigaile is thrilled to be part of a community that values the power of collaboration and education among women in the field and looks forward to sharing knowledge while obtaining new knowledge

# Scholarship Opportunities

## American Soybean Association

<https://soygrowers.com/about/awards/soy-scholarship/#:~:text=Check%20back%20in%20late%20October%20to%20apply%20for%20the%202024%20Soy%20Scholarship!&text=The%20Soy%20Scholarship%20is%20a,an%20accredited%20college%20or%20university>

Those eligible are high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college or university. The senior must be a child or grandchild of an ASA member. Amount: \$7,000                      Deadline: December 31, 2023

## Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Ambassador Scholarship

<https://eadn-wc01-5645370.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-AG-Ambassador-application.pdf>

This scholarship serves as a way for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation to identify young leaders who are effective at telling agriculture's story. This scholarship will be awarded to a male or female student attending any Mississippi university or community college that has a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants for this scholarship must be Farm Bureau members.

Amount: \$4,000                      Deadline: September 29

## Berta Lee White Scholarship

<https://eadn-wc01-5645370.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Berta-White-Scholarship-ApplicationForms-2023.pdf>

This scholarship was established in honor of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation's former State Women's Leadership Committee Chair, Berta "Bert" Lee White. This scholarship will be awarded to a woman enrolled in an agriculture degree at a Mississippi university or community college. Applicants for this scholarship must be Farm Bureau members.

Amount: \$3,000                      Deadline: June 1

## Mississippi Farm Bureau Scholarship Application covers the scholarships listed on page 4 & 5.

<https://eadn-wc01-5645370.nxedge.io/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MFBF-YFR-Scholarship-Application-2023.pdf>

## Young Farmers & Ranchers Foundation Scholarship

Young Farmers & Ranchers Foundation Scholarships are presented each year to Farm Bureau member students studying in an agriculture field. These scholarships are designed to provide opportunities to students who possess strong academic abilities and leadership qualities, and show a financial need. Typically, four YF&R Foundation Scholarships are awarded each year. Up to two of these scholarships are available to incoming freshman. These scholarships are open to students attending any Mississippi university or community college.

Amount: \$3,000                      Deadline: June 1

# Scholarship Opportunities

## Hugh Arant Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1995 after the death of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation's sixth president, Hugh M. Arant. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in an agriculture degree at Mississippi State University and must have completed their first year of school. This scholarship is presented to an applicant applying through the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1

## Don Waller Honorarium Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation's seventh president, Don Waller. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in an agriculture degree at any Mississippi university or college and must have completed their first year of school. This scholarship is presented to an applicant applying through the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1

## David Waide Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2011 honor of Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation's eighth president, David Waide. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in an agriculture degree at any Mississippi university or college and must have completed their first year of school. This scholarship is presented to an applicant applying through the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1

## Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Leaders in Agriculture Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2017 to celebrate the future leaders in Mississippi agriculture. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in an agriculture degree at Alcorn State University. This scholarship is presented to an applicant applying through the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1

## MFBF Region 8 Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2023 by the counties in Region 8 of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Applicants for this scholarship must be a student who is a county Farm Bureau member in Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry or Stone counties, attending any Mississippi university or community college. This scholarship is presented to an applicant applying through the Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship Foundation.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: June 1

# Scholarship Opportunities

## The Keath Killebrew Charisma Award Fund

<https://killebrewfoundation.org/application/>

This award fund invites applicants who are currently high school seniors who have a proven work history, who are passionate about agriculture and helping others, and who will be majoring in agriculture or a related field.

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: June 15

## Southern Ag Credit Scholarship Program

<https://southernagcredit.com/apply/scholarship-program/>

Each applicant must be a current Southern Ag Credit borrower, or a current borrower's child, grandchild or spouse. Closed for 2023, watch for 2024

The deadline for entry is March 20, 2023 and winners will be notified in April 2023.

Scholarships available: Millennium, Grand Achievement, Mr. Jimmie Dick Carter (honorary), & Mr. Emery Skelton (honorary)

## Purina Feed Greatness Scholarship

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/purina/>

Closed for 23-34 awards. Up to 4 awards given in the amount of \$5000. Plan to be an undergrad in the coming school year, be enrolled full-time, and have experience showing livestock or caring for livestock animals, equine, or poultry.

# MWA SCHOLARSHIPS

A complete list of opportunities will be available on the website soon! Completing 1 application and submitting it online will apply you to all of our scholarship opportunities for the year.

Please note applicants must be women pursuing agriculture-related majors, and must have the requests documents as well.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE THIS YEAR!!** The submission portal is currently closed we will announce on all platforms when it reopens for the 2024 awards.

# MWA News & Updates

Change, Change & More Change! But hopefully it's a good thing.

Be on the look out for a new conference logo. MWA is NOT changing our logo, just adding one for conference advertising to match the conference theme!

**The website has experienced some major overhauling!** Go check it out.

**Registration & scholarship portals will soon be live.** Both registration and scholarships can only be submitted online this year. We experienced some major issues with mailing registration and membership payment, along with complete scholarship applications over the last several years. Online entries are the best way for MWA to avoid clerical errors. If you need to pay with a check, please reach out to us first! Membership will only accept online payments, unless you pay in person at conference.

There is only one mailing address listed for all MWA business. Please make sure it corresponds to what you have saved for us! It is listed on the website and here:

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Starkville, MS 39759

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# Get your MWA T-Shirt

Support Local Farmers  
& Our Scholarship Program!!

before it's gone.

Sizes available:

Small  
Medium  
Large  
X-Large



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You must order an pay online at this time. Be sure to provide a valid shipping address to receive your order.

**\$25 EACH  
SHIPPING  
INCLUDED!**



## A note from our team

**We are excited for our 2024 Annual Conference, BUT... we need your help!**

Bring a friend, share it with your co-workers, REGISTER YOURSELF! We have a lot of members on record that we don't get to see very often. Come to conference, join us in the fellowship & networking, and take home a few things to add to your farm life or daily routines in the ag sector.

Last year, those at the conference requested more hands on opportunities and our conference committee members are in the works of delivering just that! Be sure to sign-up for those workshops in the registration portal.

If you have news or are willing to be one of our Membership Monday posts on social media, please visit the website and fill out the quick forms. The Membership form is 5 questions and picture. The Event form needs all the when, where, and why info along with location date and the advertising flyer/graphic! We want to share what's going on in our state with our membership and others!

*-Communications Committee*