
PRESS RELEASE

FCS Financial Announces 2009 Scholarship Program

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — To encourage and support higher education for relatives of FCS Financial members, FCS Financial will again offer up to 35 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. The scholarship deadline is March 1 and recipients will be notified in April.

More than \$150,000 has been distributed through the FCS Financial Scholarship Program since it was established by the FCS Financial Board of Directors in 2004. To qualify, applicants must be a graduating senior at a Missouri high school, a child or grandchild of an FCS Financial member, and attain a 2.5 or higher GPA, an ACT score of at least 26 or rank in the top 20 percent of their senior class. The scholarship applicants are then judged on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays by a non-partisan committee. One recipient is selected from qualified applicants at each FCS Financial branch office. Six at-large recipients are also selected from all qualified applicants.

Apply online at www.myfcsfinancial.com. Click on About Us then Scholarship Program. Relatives of FCS Financial board members or employees are not eligible.

FCS Financial serves 102 counties through 30 offices in Missouri. FCS Financial is a member of the Farm Credit System. The system is a nationwide network of cooperative lending institutions that provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents and agribusinesses. With more than 90 years of agricultural lending experience, the Farm Credit System is the largest single provider of agricultural credit in the United States.