

# Murray Thomas Miles, jr Memorial Scholarship



## Murray Thomas Miles, Jr (1930 – 2017)

Reared in Rutherford County and growing up on a Jersey dairy farm, Murray developed a love for agriculture and all it involved. He was educated at Walter Hill School and Murfreesboro Central High School, being very active in 4-H at all levels. He attended the University of Tennessee and graduated with a degree in agriculture. After serving his country, Murray joined the staff of Tennessee Farm Bureau where he was the Director of Communications producing TV, radio, editorial writing and editor of the organization's newspaper. He was known as "The Voice of Tennessee Agriculture" and worked there for forty years retiring in 1995. He was dedicated to agriculture's youth and the promotion of Tennessee's farmers.

## Application Requirements:

A scholarship of **\$2,500.00** will be awarded to a Rutherford County student majoring in any of the emphasis areas in Agriculture, who is a Rutherford County resident and whose parents/guardians or the applicant is a member of the Rutherford County Farm Bureau. You must apply for admittance, and be accepted for the fall semester to a Tennessee College, University or Trade School to be considered for the scholarship. Upon completion of the fall semester, a second **\$2,500.00** will be awarded if the applicant qualifies with a grade point average of 2.5 or above and is registered as a fulltime student for the Spring Semester.

### **In addition to this application, we request the following:**

- 1. A cover letter stating your career plans, and how they align with Murray Miles' life and extensive career.**
- 2. Two letters of recommendation in support of your application** to be addressed to the Scholarship Committee. One letter must be from a former high school teacher or college professor. The second letter may be from any other person who knows you well, other than a parent.
- 3. ACT score and a transcript of your grades showing GPA and proof of enrollment for Fall semester** to be sent to the Scholarship Committee.
- 4. A 2 x 3 size head-and-shoulders color photograph**

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5. **This application must be submitted to the Rutherford County Farm Bureau Office at 818 S Church St, Murfreesboro, TN 37128 or post marked by June 30 to be considered. *PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE PAPERS TOGETHER***

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Education / Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or your parent(s) a member of Farm Bureau?  YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO  
Member #

Name of High School you graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-secondary school presently attending (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent GPA and/or Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_

College or university enrolled in for Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Personal Background** (family, education and personal interests)

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**2. What is your proposed major and or minor? and why?**

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1. **Activities**, clubs and organizations:

a. **Are you a current or former member of:**

1. **FFA**  YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

(number of years)

2. **4-H**  YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

(number of years)

3. **YF&R**  YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

(number of years)

b. **List participations in FFA, CDE's and/or 4-H Contests as well as awards received:**

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c. **List other organizations of which you are / were a member and number of years:**

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**2. Leadership** (list the offices held in any organization of which you are /were a member and the number of years):

**a. Agricultural Related organizations:**

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**a. School Leadership organizations:**

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**a. Community Leadership Positions and Organizations:**

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**3. Make a brief statement of your contributions to the organizations of which you are a member, but not an officer:**

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**4. Honors Received:**

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**5. Other Accomplishments:**

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**6. Agricultural Involvement** (Please explain your personal involvement in Agriculture)

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**7. Impact on Agriculture** (what do you do to positively impact and/or promote the agriculture industry)

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**8. Issues Facing Agriculture** (what do you feel are the most important issues facing Agriculture today):





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