



NAFEC and Dillard Financial Solutions To Award \$1,000.00 Scholarship

NAFEC and Dillard Financial Solutions are pleased to announce that they are teaming up in 2026 to cosponsor a \$1,000 scholarship award. Many times we hear of our youth being referred to as “our future” or “leaders of tomorrow” when in reality, thousands of them in communities and towns all across our nation have been leaders, in their own right, for quite some time. We think they should be recognized.

If you are a current or past COC member and paying full dues as a regular member of NAFEC and have a child, grandchild or great grandchild that has graduated high school and is enrolled, or in the process of enrolling into an accredited college, university or trade school this fall, then they are an eligible applicant and you are encouraged to tell them about this opportunity.

The application will consist of a single cover page and a one page essay. Both pages are to be designed, created and edited entirely by the applicant. The cover page must have the following details:

- Full name, mailing address, email address, home phone and birth date of the applicant
- NAFEC member name, State & County where they serve(d) as a COC member and relationship to member
- Name of college, university, or trade school attending or enrolling to attend
- The field of study or degree plan the applicant plans to pursue
- A listing of the applicant’s involvement in service commitments to their community, civic, church and youth development organizations such as 4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc.
- **Please note that on the cover page** there is a need for a signature and date to certify with the statement: “I have personally prepared this cover page and the essay and I certify it is accurate.”

Because this is a competitive scholarship award, the one page essay will help the judges understand how the applicant views their experiences, personal growth, outcomes and achievements associated with the various community, civic, church and youth organization in which they are involved.

The NAFEC and Dillard Financial Solutions scholarship **deadline is April 15, 2026**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Mail applications (Cover page and one page essay) to:

Tammy Eibey
2810 Hwy 13
Ryan, Iowa 52330

All eligible applications will then be forwarded to three judges that will consist of a NAFEC Officer, a NASCOE/COOAC committee member and a Dillard Financial Solutions Representative. Each judge will rank the applications with one (1) being the highest ranked and two (2) the second highest ranked, and so forth through all the applications. The application with the highest cumulative scoring by the three judges will be awarded the \$1,000 scholarship. If there is a tie in scoring, the NAFEC President or VP will break the tie.

Because the deadline is April 15, 2026, we encourage you to pass this information on to any eligible applicant so they can start putting their information and thoughts down. NAFEC and Dillard Financial Solutions look forward to **announcing the winner on July 30, 2026 during the NAFEC meeting and NASCOE National Convention in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.**

The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees is a non-profit organization composed of and led by farmers, nominated and elected by farmers, and serving all farmers in each of the county USDA Farm Service Agency Offices. To learn more about NAFEC or to join, please go to <https://www.nafecfsa.com>

