

William and Hazel Busch Endowed Scholarship
Guidelines and Application Form



William H. "Bill" Busch began farming in his early childhood and was joined by his wife Hazel when they married in 1947. As a young couple, they worked to foster the family farm that dated back to 1890 and has now spanned six generations. William and Hazel had a deep commitment to hard work and preserving the independent life style their farm provided. They have pledged to share their success with other aspiring young farmers who strive to develop their skills, enabling them to build a lasting and rewarding career in the agriculture industry.

The William and Hazel Busch Endowed Scholarship is dedicated to the training, professional development, and capacity building needed among the youth of the Conway Springs/Argonia area in order to promote a career in agriculture as a culturally, environmentally and economically-viable way of life.

1. Consideration will be given to high school graduates from the Conway Springs/Argonia area of Kansas who declare an interest in pursuing skills related to a career in agriculture. These skills could include, but are not limited to,
 - technical training to become a mechanic or engine specialist in farm equipment,
 - USDA approved courses related to management of soils, crops and grain markets and,
 - the necessary financial courses for farm management.
2. Awards will be made with regard to financial need and declaration of intent to work toward a career in agriculturally-related industry.
3. All scholarships will be forfeited if not used within six (6) months from the date they are awarded. Exceptions to this rule will be made on a case by case basis as necessitated by the starting dates and availability of specific training opportunities related to the purpose of this scholarship.
4. Scholarships may be renewed so long as the student maintains satisfactory progress toward completing his or her stated objectives.
5. A scholarship nominee(s) may not have a blood or marriage relationship to any member of the donor family, any member of the selection committee, or any member of the Wichita Community Foundation board of directors or staff, even though the nominee(s) meets the other criteria for the scholarship.
6. Selection Committee: The Board of Directors of the Wichita Community Foundation will appoint the Selection Committee which will consist of Linda Erb and James Busch along with three members of the WCF Board of Directors. This committee shall recommend the selection of scholarship recipients to the Wichita Community Foundation Board who shall make the final decision.
7. In the event either Linda Erb or James Busch cannot serve or decline to serve, they shall individually or jointly recommend to the Foundation successor advisors to the William and Hazel Endowed Scholarship Fund. Said successors shall be chosen having knowledge of the purpose and intent of this scholarship, and shall demonstrate the same in the timely completion of their selection duties.
8. Successful applicants acknowledge and agree to provide a written report to the Wichita Community Foundation at 301 N. Main, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67202 every six months (Jan. 1 & June 30). This report will contain a letter stating how the applicant is advancing on his or her goals, plans for the coming semester and a current transcript.

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*All applicants must complete this form to be considered for a scholarship award. Completed applications must be received at the **Wichita Community Foundation, 301 N. Main, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67202** by 4:00 p.m. on March 15. If March 15 occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the following Monday.*

This application requires an attached letter of recommendation from your school counselor and a current transcript. These attachments should be mailed to the attention of the William and Hazel Busch Endowed Scholarship Fund at the Wichita Community Foundation at the address listed above.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home address: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Name of high school: _____

Name of high school counselor: _____

Social security number: _____

Please complete all questions to the best of your ability.

1. How long have you lived in the Argonia/Conway Springs area?

2. Name the high school you will be graduating from.

3. What are your plans for a lifetime career in agriculture?

4. Describe your attraction to a career in agriculture. What are your goals?

5. To accomplish your goals, what courses or training do you think you need?

6. How are you financing your education and how will a scholarship impact your plans?

7. Is there other information the Selection Committee should know about you? What can you bring to Kansas agriculture that they should know about? Be specific.

Remember to attach a letter of recommendation from your school counselor and a current transcript to complete your application.