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They're the stars of agriculture's future. And it's our goal to offer the opportunity for our youth to be the best of a new generation of farmers and ranchers. That's why we offer options—for growth, education and leadership—designed to fast track young men and women to a bright new world.

Student Success Series

Texas youth can expect the best in life by holding themselves to the highest standards, and Texas Farm Bureau can help students put together the pieces that make up a successful leader.

Through our Student Success Series, students in 8th through 12th grade can learn more about leadership, networking and personal professionalism.

There are four experiences for students to participate in:

- Jumpstart: In-person event for graduating class of 2030 (incoming 8th grade students)
- Activate: In-person event for graduating class of 2029 (incoming 9th grade students)
- Engage: In-person district events for graduating classes of 2028 and 2027 (incoming 10th and 11th grade students)
- Thrive: In-person event for graduating class of 2026 (incoming 12th grade students)

Learn more about the Student Success Series



High school students who are members of Texas FFA or Texas 4-H are eligible to participate in the Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) Challenge. This challenge provides an opportunity for students to develop problem-solving and communication skills, while learning more about agriculture.

The contest is hosted by the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

Registration is closed.

Click here to view the contest manual.

The contest will be held Sept. 27-28 at the BASE Extraco Events Center in Waco.

Contact **youthactivities@txfb.org** or call 254.751.2258 for questions about the contest.





Clover Cash Program

Texas Farm Bureau's Clover Cash Grant Program was created to support Texas 4-H programs at the county, district and state levels. These programs should strive to help students understand the importance of advocating for agriculture. Students should also gain an appreciation and better understanding of where their food, fuel and fiber come from. Qualifying projects should provide

a hands-on experience for all members involved.

AgriLife Extension Agents, District 4-H Specialists, Texas 4-H staff or adult leaders of any county, district or state level 4-H program are eligible to apply.

2026 applications will open in June and close Aug. 10, 2026.

For more information, contact **youthactivities@txfb.org** or call 254-751-2489.





Ag Mechanics Grant Program

Texas Farm Bureau's Ag Mechanics Grant Program aims to provide agricultural mechanical and metal technologies educators with additional resources to increase their students' skills.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Any certified, active 9th-12th grade teacher (addressing Agriculture Mechanics and Metal Technologies, Agriculture Structures Design and Fabrication, Agriculture Equipment Design and Fabrication, and/or Agricultural Power Systems TEKS) in a public school.
- 9th-12th grade teacher (addressing Agriculture Mechanics and Metal Technologies, Agriculture Structures Design and Fabrication,



Agriculture Equipment Design and Fabrication, and/or Agricultural Power Systems TEKS) in an accredited non-public secondary educational institution.

Ten \$2,500 grants will be awarded.

View the 2025 recipents.

2026 applications will open in April and close Aug. 7, 2026.

Contact **youthactivities@txfb.org** or call 254.751.2258 for questions about the grant program.



TFB Scholarships

Texas Farm Bureau is committed to the development of youth and youth leadership. That's why we invest in our youth.

Texas Farm Bureau devotes a large amount of resources towards youth programs and scholarships. Annually we award over \$532,000 in scholarships in a variety of packages designed to meet different student needs. This includes various youth leadership organizations and students participating in our Free Enterprise Speech Contest.

Learn more about the various scholarships available.

View the 2025 scholarship recipients.





Collegiate Farm Bureau

The Texas Collegiate Farm Bureau program currently has five chapters chartered. For information about programs currently enrolled in our pilot program, click here.

For questions and inquiries regarding chartering a program at your college or university, reach out to program coordinator McKenna Bush at mbush@txfb.org or 254-399-5037.





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