

**INELIGIBLE**

**SCHLIMGEN, AUBREY  
ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION:  
FRESHMAN**

## 2025 NAFB Foundation Scholarship Application

### **Aubrey Schlimgen**

6343 Schlimgen Dr.  
Marshall, WI 53559  
aubreyschlimgen@gmail.com  
1/23/2003

### **Parents/Guardians:**

Tony and Jackie Schlimgen  
6343 Schlimgen Dr.  
Marshall, WI 53559  
(608)279-7233  
tsfarms2002@gmail.com

### **Background:**

I grew up on my families dairy farm outside of Marshall Wisconsin, where for the last 15 years I have been the sole caretaker and milker our the 300 head of dairy cattle that we milk on our farm. As I began to gain more experience and knowledge on our farm my duties started to include more managerial practices and decision making to help contribute to the continuation and success of our farm. Our family farm is run solely by my Parents Tony and Jackie Schlimgen, my brothers AJ and Trevor, and my grandfather Glenn. Where we all partake in the care and needs of all animals and crops of our operation.

**Farm Type:** Schlimgen Farms LLC is a Dairy farming operation where we milk 300 registered jerseys and grade holsteins. Along with raising and taking care of our entire herd of 700 head of dairy and beef cattle.

**Have you received an NAFB Foundation Scholarship in the past?** No

**College/University:** Tarleton State University

**Academic Classification:** Freshman

**Vocation/Major:** Agricultural Communications

**Expected Graduation:** 5/13/2028

**GPA:** 3.5

**GPA Score:** 10

**Tuition & Expenses:** \$22000

**Expenses Include:** Tuition and Tuition Fees

### **Financial Support:**

None Not applicable

**Total Scholarship/Financial Support:**

**Financial Needs Score:** 15

### **Describe your plans and career goals upon graduation.**

Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communication from Tarleton State University, I plan to embark on a multifaceted career that combines my passion for agriculture with my skills in communication and personal development. Tarleton's Agricultural Communication program equips students with a blend of agricultural knowledge and communication expertise, preparing them for various roles in the ag industry. The curriculum includes courses in writing, editing, photography, graphic design, publication, public relations, event planning, broadcasting, and digital media creation . Additionally, students complete a 10-week capstone internship, providing hands-on experience in real-world settings .With this foundation, I aim to pursue a career in farm broadcasting, delivering timely and relevant agricultural news and insights to farmers, ranchers, and the broader community. By leveraging platforms such as podcasts, radio, and digital media, I plan to inform and advocate for the agricultural sector, much like renowned

agricultural broadcasters such as Orion Samuelson, who has been recognized for his contributions to agricultural journalism. In parallel to my broadcasting career, I aspire to establish a side business focused on life coaching, mentoring, and keynote speaking. This endeavor will allow me to empower individuals, particularly those in rural and agricultural communities, to achieve personal and professional growth. Along with hoping to have the opportunity to run for Alice in Dairyland, which is a position through the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. Where you are Wisconsin's advocate of agriculture for a year.

**Describe what activities have been most meaningful to your personal development.**

I have been blessed to be a part of many different meaningful organizations and activities that have contributed to my personal development immensely. Serving as a Wisconsin FFA State Officer and later as a National Officer Candidate were truly transformative experiences. These roles pushed me beyond my comfort zone, teaching me how to lead with purpose, connect with a wide range of people, and represent something greater than myself. I developed a deep appreciation for agricultural advocacy and learned how to communicate effectively in both formal and personal settings—skills that I continue to carry into my career goals. Being named the Dane County Fairest of the Fair and running for Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fair added another layer to my development. These opportunities allowed me to serve as a public face for agriculture and community traditions, while honing my public speaking, event coordination, and media skills. They also taught me how to be adaptable, professional, and resilient in high-pressure environments. In college, my involvement in Tarleton FFA Alumni and Supporters, Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Tarleton Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow has continued to shape my personal growth. These organizations have connected me with like-minded peers, mentors, and professionals. They've also helped me deepen my understanding of agricultural issues and explore my passion for ag communications through real-world projects, service, and collaboration. More recently I also won the Collegiate discussion meet on behalf of Texas Farm Bureau where I was able to hone in and apply my skills in communicating agriculture as well.

**How did you learn about the NAFB Foundation Scholarship?**

I learned about this Scholarship through working with Mid-West Farm Report and Pam Jahnke and Stephanie Hoff who were past recipients of the Scholarship. I also learned about this scholarship through friends and peers within the Agriculture Communications world who had received these scholarships as well.

# AUBREY SCHLINGEN

6343 Schlimgen Dr., Marshall, WI 53559 | 608-422-0649 | [aubreyschlimgen@gmail.com](mailto:aubreyschlimgen@gmail.com)

## Education

---

Marshall High School Marshall, WI  
Diploma June 2021

## Work Experience

---

**Schlimgen Farms - Marshall, WI** **2013 - Present**  
*Farm Hand*

- Problem solve and make calf care decisions while performing tasks including feeding, record keeping, vaccinating and caring for sick calves to raise quality replacement heifers and steers
- Manage herd health and cow production while performing tasks including milking, bulk tank set up, parlor set up, parlor clean up, mastitis monitoring and treatment, and fresh cow management
- Develop organizational practices and Institute new technologies to improve herd management

**Isomark Health - Verona, WI** **April 1 - May 4, 2023**  
*Research and Data Collection Assistant*

- Collected health data from calves using technologically advanced respiration equipment being developed by Isomark

**Mid-West Farm Report- Midwest Family Broadcasting Madison, WI** **May 13-August 9, 2024**  
*Farm Broadcasting Intern*

- Conducted interviews and sought out stories within agriculture with captivating story angles
- Developed audio packages and article content for all radio affiliates, radio station and website

## Leadership Experience

---

**Dane County Fair** **April 2023 - April 2024**  
*Dane County Fairest of the Fair*

- Promoted fair activities through social media, newspaper, radio and other media outlets

**New Century Farmer** **July 2024**  
*Facilitator*

- Worked with National FFA Alumni and Supporters Staff to organize curriculum to impact conference attendees to create vision statements for operations and network with industry professionals.

**Wisconsin Association of FFA** **June 2021- November 2023**  
*State Sentinel, National Officer Candidate*

- Represented over 23,000 FFA members across the state of Wisconsin by conducting workshops, conferences, and other educational experiences to help them lead their chapters and communities
- Networked, communicated, and problem solved with over 40 sectional FFA Chapters to strengthen their impact on students
- Built relationships with sponsors and supporters at alumni events throughout the state of Wisconsin
- Chaired the state Awards and Programs committee, Courtesy Corp Committee, and managed the State Convention Seating process.

## Other Experiences & Awards

---

National Semi-Finalist - Extemporaneous Speaking-2020	High School Musicals & Show Choir - 2017-2021
State FFA Honors Chorus - 2017-2021	Athletic Excellence Club - 2017-2021
Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Communications judge - 2022	Louis M. Sasman Award- 2020
Jerry Award nominee - Outstanding Lead - 2020	Second Harvest Food Bank of Wisconsin - 2016-2022
State Qualifier -FFA Parliamentary Procedure-2019-2021	American FFA Degree Recipient- 2023

**Term: Spring 2025**

**College:** Ag & Natural Resources  
**Major:** Agricultural Communication  
**Academic Standing:** Good Standing  
**Additional Standing:** Dean's List

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	R
ACOM	2301	UG	Ag Photography	A	3.000	12.00	
AGEC	2317	UG	Intro to Ag Eco	A	3.000	12.00	
AGRI	1307	UG	Agronomy	A	3.000	12.00	
ENGL	1302	UG	Composition II	A	3.000	12.00	
GEOL	1403	UG	Physical Geology	C	4.000	8.00	

**Term Totals (Undergraduate)**

	Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
<b>Current Term:</b>	16.000	16.000	16.000	16.000	56.00	3.50
<b>Cumulative:</b>	31.000	31.000	31.000	31.000	107.00	3.45

Unofficial Transcript

**TRANSCRIPT TOTALS (UNDERGRADUATE) -Top-**

	Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA
<b>Total Institution:</b>	31.000	31.000	31.000	31.000	107.00	3.45
<b>Total Transfer:</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00
<b>Overall:</b>	31.000	31.000	31.000	31.000	107.00	3.45

Unofficial Transcript

Dear NAFB Scholarship Committee,

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of the Mid-West Farm Report, where Ms. Aubrey Schlimgen has contributed as our Farm Broadcasting Intern during the summers of 2024 and now again in 2025.

Aubrey has a natural curiosity that makes a communicator valuable. She finds stories wherever she goes that, when turned into news packages, truly make waves in the community. The stories she's done for Mid-West Farm Report have brought research to the public eye, for example, a piece on no-melt ice cream being developed at the Center for Dairy Research. She's also highlighted a custom saddle maker in small town Wisconsin who has designed products for big stages, and also so that a paralyzed student at UW-Madison could continue some normalcy after a farm accident.

Even while studying several states away at Tarleton State University, Aubrey remains deeply committed to agriculture and communications. She is active in multiple student organizations that enhance her skills and leadership, including serving as Secretary and Treasurer of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and as an officer in Collegiate Farm Bureau. Most recently, she was named the Collegiate Discussion Meet Winner for Texas Farm Bureau—an honor that reflects her knowledge of the issues facing agriculture and her ability to speak on them with clarity and conviction.

I have no doubt that with the scholarship from NAFB, Aubrey will continue to be an advocate for agriculture and a trusted communicator both among her peers and in the professional sector. She's deeply rooted in agriculture, growing up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, and her love and involvement in the industry will not waiver. I'm excited to see where she goes following her graduation from Tarleton State.

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Hoff**

Farm Broadcaster | Mid-West Farm Report

West Region Vice President | NAFB

c: (715) 773-1262





TARLETON  
STATE UNIVERSITY

Member of The Texas A&M University System

June 1, 2025

Cord Brown

Box T-0040

Stephenville, TX 76402

Dear Selection Committee,

Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Aubrey N. Schlimgen

It is my sincere honor to provide this letter of recommendation for Ms. Aubrey Schlimgen for the National American Farm Bureau Scholarship. Ms. Schlimgen is one of my students here at Tarleton State University, and currently serves as President over Tarleton's Collegiate Chapter of Texas Farm Bureau that I help advise. I have known Aubrey for a couple of years now, and I have had nothing but great interactions and discussions with her over the years.

Over the course of my interactions with Ms. Schlimgen, I have found her to be a diligent and industrious student. Aubrey is easily one of the most dependable students I have ever taught because of her superb work ethic and dedication in all of her endeavors. She is very eager to learn, and is constantly trying to improve her knowledge and skills. Ms. Schlimgen also carries a humble demeanor because of her willingness to learn.

Besides her outstanding commitment to better herself, Ms. Aubrey has also impressed me as someone that is very amicable. She is very friendly and gets along very well with her fellow peers. In addition to that, Aubrey is very enthusiastic to help someone in need or help those around her with any questions. She also has a very positive mindset, and is rarely seen without a smile on her face. Additionally, Ms. Schlimgen has a genuine passion for agriculture, and is constantly proving herself as someone worthy of this scholarship. She is very active in Farm Bureau, serving in the collegiate chapter and competing in TFB competitions. In April, Aubrey won the 2025 Texas Farm Bureau Collegiate Discussion, after spending countless hours preparing for it while also staying on top of her other commitments.

I am certain that Ms. Schlimgen will excel in anything that she sets her mind too, and that she will be an alumnus that Tarleton State University will be very proud of. In my opinion, Aubrey Schlimgen is the epitome of the Farm Bureau mission statement, and truly represents the "Voice of Agriculture." For these reasons, I recommend her for the National American Farm Bureau Scholarship and am convinced that she will be a great asset to your organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions, or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cord Brown

Instructor, Dept. of Agricultural Education & Communication

Division of Agricultural Business and Economics

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

Tarleton State university

Phone: (254) 968-1984

Email: [cbrown2@tarleton.edu](mailto:cbrown2@tarleton.edu)

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Box T-0040, Stephenville, TX 76402 | Office (254) 968-9200 | Fax (254) 968-9199 | [www.tarleton.edu](http://www.tarleton.edu)



**TARLETON**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY**

Member of The Texas A&M University System

**Morgan Jackson**

Instructor of Agricultural Communication  
Department of Agricultural Education and Communication  
Tarleton State University  
[mjackson1@tarleton.edu](mailto:mjackson1@tarleton.edu)

6/2/2025

**Scholarship Committee**

National Association of Farm Broadcasting

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Aubrey Schlimgen, an exceptional Agricultural Communications student at Tarleton State University, in support of her application for a scholarship with the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB).

Having had the opportunity to work closely with Aubrey during her time in our program, I can confidently say that she embodies the values and promise the NAFB seeks to encourage and support. Aubrey has demonstrated a unique ability to bridge her passion for agriculture with strong communication skills, excelling in both written and verbal formats. Whether it is through producing digital content, developing strategic communication plans, or conducting interviews in the field, Aubrey brings professionalism, creativity, and clarity to every task.

What distinguishes Aubrey is her authentic voice and deep-rooted connection to the agricultural community. She understands the power of storytelling in agriculture—how it educates, connects, and inspires—and she uses her talents to amplify the voices of farmers and rural communities. Her work ethic is unmatched, her character is admirable, and her commitment to agricultural advocacy is unwavering.

Beyond her academic achievements, Aubrey is an active and engaged member of our campus and agricultural networks. She consistently seeks out opportunities to grow, whether by taking on leadership roles in student organizations, participating in internships, or representing our program at conferences. Her professionalism, integrity, and enthusiasm make her a standout student and a future leader in agricultural broadcasting.

I have no doubt that Aubrey will make meaningful contributions to the future of farm broadcasting, and I strongly recommend her for the NAFB scholarship. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Morgan Jackson**

Tarleton State University