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Jim Graham Leadership Scholarship

James Allen "Jim" Graham personified North Carolina agriculture as the state's longest serving agriculture commissioner. Jim believed in youth education and our Cooperative Leadership Camp.

Dear Mentor,

A graduating high school student in your life has been asked to identify a mentor from their school, cooperative, job or other extracurricular organization whom they admire to prepare a letter of recommendation on their behalf. They chose you!

This student has previously attended and successfully completed [Cooperative Leadership Camp](#), hosted by the Cooperative Council of the Carolinas. They also plan to enroll as a student to an accredited two or four-year trade school, college or university (public or private). Therefore, they qualify to apply for our annual [Jim Graham Leadership Scholarship](#); of which, this Letter of Recommendation is required for the application.

A scholarship review committee will select a recipient based on the student's understanding of the cooperative movement, leadership skills, extracurricular activities, community involvement and demonstration of self-motivation.

If you feel this student is deserving of this scholarship, please prepare a letter of recommendation and **send it directly to the Executive Director at director@carolinascouncil.coop by no later than February 27, 2026.** (It's important that the letter is sent directly from you to CCC and not via the student.)

Thank you for your participation in this young person's very bright future!