

How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields 2012-2014

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A List of: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Other Funding Programs Set Aside to Support Study, Training, Research, and Creative Activities for Students Working on an Undergraduate or Graduate Degree in Agriculture or a Related Field. Plus a Set of Six Indexes: Sponsor, Residency, Tenability, Specialty, Diversity, and Deadline.

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED?

Are you planning to get an undergraduate or graduate degree in agriculture, agronomy, animal or veterinary science, dairy science, enology or viticulture, horticulture, soils science, or a related field? Congratulations. You have made a wise decision. According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, "employment of agricultural scientists is expected to grow faster" than ever, plus "the need to replace agricultural scientists who retire or otherwise leave the occupation permanently will account for many more job openings than projected growth."

Getting your degree in agriculture or related fields, however, is expensive. It can cost \$100,000 and up just to complete a bachelor's degree, and that amount or more for a master's and doctoral degree. That's more than most students can afford to pay on their own.

Fortunately, hundreds of financial aid programs, representing billions of dollars, are available to help undergraduate and graduate students prepare for a career in agriculture or a related field. How can students find out about this funding? In the past, general financial aid directories haven't offered much assistance. *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans* (published by Gale Cengage) and the eclectic *Scholarship Book* (published by Prentice Hall) are representative; each just scratches the surface, identifying only a few dozen of the hundreds of available funding opportunities. Furthermore, there haven't been any substantive print or online listings, in recent years, that provide overall coverage of funding for agricultural students. Even a major subject-specific online site like the one sponsored by the National FFA (www.ffa.org) is of limited use; it only offers information on those funding opportunities that are sponsored by the National FFA and its affiliates.

That's why the release of this updated edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* is so important. Here, in just one place, students in agriculture and related fields (along with the counselors and librarians available to serve them) will have detailed information about the 750+ major scholarships, fellowships, awards, grants, and other sources of "free" money set aside specifically for them.

How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related fields has been designed so that you can easily scan through a wide array of funding programs available specifically to support study, research, creative activities, past accomplishments, future projects, and travel for both undergraduate and graduate students. All agriculture-related areas are covered, including agribusiness, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal and veterinary science, dairy science, enology or viticulture, horticulture, soils science, and more. There's no other listing, in print or online, that's as comprehensive as this. That's why EnviroEducation.com called the directory one of the "Great Resources on Agricultural Sciences."

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields is unlike any other financial aid listing. Not only does it provide the most comprehensive coverage of agriculture-related funding opportunities (more than 750 entries), but it also offers the most informative program descriptions (on the average, twice the detail found in any other source).

In addition, only funding set aside for high school seniors, high school graduates, current college students, returning college students, and graduate students working on a degree in an agriculture-related

field is included. If a program doesn't support study, training, research, or creative activities specifically for these students, it is not covered here.

Third, the funding programs included in this directory have been carefully selected. Only the biggest and best made the cut! No award listed here offers less than \$1,000. And, most of the programs go way beyond that, paying up to \$10,000 or more annually, or covering the full cost of college attendance. Keep in mind: this is all free money. Not one of these programs requires you to pay back any funds (provided, of course, that you meet the program requirements).

Fourth, you can take the money awarded by these funding programs to any number of locations. While other financial aid directories often list large numbers of scholarships available only to students enrolled at one specific school, all of the entries in *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* are "portable" (although some portability may be restricted by other program parameters). Another plus: many of the programs listed here have never been covered in other financial aid directories. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* for additional leads.

Fifth, unlike other funding directories, which tend to follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one groups entries by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you target your search for appropriate programs. The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where sponsoring organization, geographic focus, subject, diversity, and deadline date entries specifically identify opportunities for either undergraduate or graduate students.

Further, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding; we've organized the volume so you can identify programs not only by recipient group, but by program title, subject fields, sponsor, where you live, where the money can be spent, diversity characteristics, and even when you want to apply for funding. Plus, we've included exactly the information you'll need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available), along with complete contact information, to make your requests for applications proceed smoothly.

Finally, we've included all types of "free money" in our listing:

- *Scholarships.* Programs that support studies and related activities at the undergraduate level. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Fellowships.* Programs that support studies and related activities at the graduate level. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Grants.* Programs that provide funding to support innovative efforts, travel, projects, creative activities, or research at any level (from associate degree through doctoral). Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Forgivable Loans.* Unlike loans, which eventually must be repaid—with or without interest—forgivable loans (also known as scholarship/loans, fellowship/loans, and loans-for-service) are designed to convert to scholarships or fellowships (provided the recipients meet specified service requirements). If these requirements are not met, however, the money awarded must be repaid (often with interest).
- *Awards.* Competitions, prizes, and honoraria granted in recognition of individual personal accomplishments, research results, creative writing, or other achievements. Prizes received solely as the result of entering contests are excluded.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

The focus of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* is on portable programs aimed specifically at high school seniors, high school graduates, current college students, returning college students, and graduate students interested in working on a degree in agriculture-related fields at any school in the United States. While the directory is intended to be the most current and comprehensive

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[745]**
- (2) **W.D. FARR SCHOLARSHIPS**
- (3) National Cattlemen's Beef Association
Attn: National Cattlemen's Foundation
9110 East Nichols Avenue, Suite 300
Centennial, CO 80112
(303) 694-0305
Fax: (303) 770-7745
E-mail: ncf@beef.org
Web: www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org
- (4) **Purpose** To provide financial assistance to graduate students who are interested in preparing for a career in the beef industry.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to graduate students working on a degree in animal science, environmental science (with an emphasis on water), or agriculture. Applicants must demonstrate a drive for success and leadership in the tradition of W.D. Farr, the first president of the National Cattlemen's Foundation and an active advocate for the beef industry. Along with their application, they must submit a review of their research goals and a statement of interest and belief in the beef industry. Selection is based on a cover letter (15 points); a curriculum vitae (10 points); description of professional goals and leadership experience (20 points); statement of belief in the beef industry (10 points); the review of research goals (35 points); and 3 letters of recommendation (10 points).
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$12,000.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year.
- (8) **Additional information** This program began in 2007. funded by Monsanto Company with royalty payments received from its patented seed technology. Applications are available from the foundation, from state and county Farm Bureau offices, and at agricultural chemical retailer locations.
- (9) **Number awarded** 2 each year.
- (10) **Deadline** April of each year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** The consecutive number given to each entry and is used to identify the entry in the index.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of the scholarship, fellowship, forgivable loan, grant, award or other funding opportunity.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and/or web site (when information was supplied) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants and factors considered in the selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Time period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations (generally non-monetary) associated with the program.
- (9) **Number of awards:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

source of information on available funding, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the listing:

- *Programs not focused on agriculture or related fields:* Only funding opportunities set aside specifically for agriculture-related fields are described here. If you are looking for money to support study, training, research, or creative activities in other, or broader, subject areas, check out the list of Reference Service Press's award-winning directories on the inside of the front cover. You can also look for general or other financial aid directories at your library, a bookstore, or online.
- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents:* If a program is open only to foreign nationals or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered here.
- *Programs that do not award funds specifically to help students pay for their degree:* While financial aid programs available to students working on a degree related to agriculture are covered comprehensively in this directory, work-related opportunities (e.g., cooperative education, internships) are excluded—unless as part of their compensation students receive scholarships or other college funding. To find out about paid and unpaid work experience programs, use a source like Peterson's *Internships* directory.
- *Individual school-based programs:* This directory identifies portable programs—ones that can be used at any number of schools. Financial aid administered by individual schools solely for the benefit of their incoming or continuing students is not covered. Write directly to the schools you are considering to get information on their offerings.
- *Money for study or research outside the United States:* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe all available funding for study and research abroad (see *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad* and *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*, both published by Reference Service Press), only programs that support study or research in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs:* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state), are available to a very limited membership group (e.g., a local union or a tightly targeted organization), or offer limited financial support (under \$1,000).
- *Money that must be repaid:* Only "free money" is identified here. If a program requires repayment or charges interest, it's not listed. Now you can find out about billions of dollars in aid and know that not one dollar of that will ever need to be repaid!
- *Programs that did not respond to our research inquiries:* Programs are included in *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* only if the sponsors responded to our research requests for up-to-date information or posted current information on their web sites (see below for details).

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) reviewed and updated all relevant programs currently in our funding database and 2) searched exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including directories, news reports, newsletters, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. We only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or online (no information is ever taken from secondary sources). When that information could not be found, we sent up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inqui-

ries, if necessary) to those sponsors. Despite our best efforts, however, we were still unable to get verified information from some of the sponsors and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2012-2014 edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields* completely revises and updates the previous (third) edition. Programs that have ceased operation have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on agriculture-related fields have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; more than 85 percent of the continuing programs reported subsequent changes in their locations, deadlines, or benefits since 2010. In addition, hundreds of new entries have been added. The result is a listing of 756 scholarships, fellowships, forgivable loans, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities available to students working on a degree in agriculture or related fields.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in such fields as agribusiness, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal and veterinary science, dairy science, enology or viticulture, horticulture, and soils science; and 2) a set of indexes to help you pinpoint appropriate funding programs.

Funding for Students Working on a Degree in Agriculture and Related Fields. The first section of the directory describes 756 scholarships, fellowships, forgivable loans, grants, and awards for students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in agriculture-related fields. The programs listed are sponsored by nearly 500 different federal and state government agencies, professional organizations, foundations, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into two main categories:

- **Undergraduates.** Described here are 515 scholarships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities that support undergraduate study, training, research, or creative activities in agriculture or related fields. These programs are open to high school seniors, high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, and students returning to college after an absence. Money is available to support these students in any type of postsecondary institution, ranging from technical schools and community colleges to major universities.
- **Graduate Students.** Described here are 241 fellowships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities that support post-baccalaureate study, training, research, and creative activities in agriculture or related fields. Funding is available for all graduate-level degrees: master's, doctoral, and professional.

Entries in each of the two subsections appear alphabetically by program title. Each program entry has been designed to provide a concise profile that, as the sample on page 7 illustrates, includes information (when available) on organization address and telephone numbers (including fax and toll-free numbers), e-mail address and web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed six indexes; these will let you access the listings by sponsoring organization, residency, tenability, specialty, diversity characteristics, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding to students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agriculture-related field. Approximately 500 sponsoring organizations are listed alphabetically, word by word. In addition, we've used a code to help you identify the funding programs sponsored by these organizations: U = Undergraduates; G = Graduate Students.

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to residents of a particular state or region. Others are open to students wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency restrictions.

Tenability Index. Some programs in this book can be used only in specific cities, counties, states, or regions. Others may be used anywhere in the United States. Use this index to find out what programs are available to support your educational activities in a particular geographic area.

Specialty Index. Refer to this index when you want to identify funding opportunities for undergraduate or graduate students working on a degree in a specific agriculture-related field, including agribusiness, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal and veterinary science, dairy science, enology or viticulture, horticulture, and soils science.

Diversity Index. Most of the funding available to students working on an agriculture or related degree is not restricted to any specific ethnicity, physical condition, or gender. But, because diversity is an important goal for the field, some funding opportunities have been established specifically to encourage ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and women to enter the profession. To identify those programs, turn to the Diversity Index, which is arranged by degree level (undergraduate and graduate students) and then by applicant characteristics that can contribute to a more diverse profession. Keep in the mind that only programs focusing specifically on fields related to agriculture are listed in this directory and, therefore, indexed here. If you are interested in identifying more general aid available to these groups, there are several other resources, also published by Reference Service Press, that are available to help you with that: 1) the four-volume *Minority Funding Set*, which lists thousands of programs available to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans; 2) *Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families*, which identifies more than 1,200 opportunities representing billions of dollars in aid; and 3) *Directory of Financial Aid for Women*, which describes more than 1,400 funding programs.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to identify which programs are still open. This index is arranged by student group (undergraduates and graduate students) and divided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, the dates in this index should be viewed as only approximations after mid-2014.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the financial aid listings in *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields*:

To Locate Funding by Educational Level. If you want to get an overall picture of the sources of free money available to support either undergraduates or graduate students interested in working on a degree in agriculture or related fields, turn to the appropriate category in the first section of the guide and browse through the listings there. Originally, we also intended to subdivide these two chapters by purpose (study and training versus research and creative activities). Once the compilation was complete, however, it became clear that many of the programs provided funding for both functions. Thus, further subdivision (beyond educational level) would have been unnecessarily repetitious.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name and degree focus of a particular financial aid program, you can go directly to the appropriate category in the first section of the directory, where you'll find program profiles listed alphabetically by title.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Look at the listings in the educational section that relates to you (undergraduates or graduate students) and read the "Summary" field in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Remember: don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine which groups are providing funding to students inter-

ested in working on a degree in agriculture or related fields (approximately 500 are listed here), as well as to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular sponsor. Each entry number in the index is coded to indicate educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you target appropriate entries.

To Locate Financial Aid Based on Residency or Where You Want to Study/Conduct Your Research. Use the Residency Index to identify funding that has been set aside for students working on a degree in agriculture or related fields who reside in your area. If you are looking for funding to support activities in a particular city, county, state, or region, turn to the Tenability Index. Both of these indexes are subdivided by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you identify the funding that's right for you. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid for Study or Research in a Specific Agriculture-Related Field. Turn to the Specialty Index first if you are interested in identifying available funding in a specific agriculture-related field, including agribusiness, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal and veterinary science, dairy science, enology or viticulture, horticulture, and soils science. Each index entry indicates whether the funding is available to undergraduates or to graduate students.

To Locate Funding Programs Designed to Encourage Diversity in Agriculture and Related Fields. If you want to know which funding opportunities in this directory are aimed specifically at minorities, persons with disabilities, or women, turn to the Diversity Index. There, you'll find access to appropriate programs by both degree level and diversity characteristics.

To Locate Financial Aid by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate group (undergraduates and graduate students) and month. Note: not all sponsoring organizations supplied deadline information; those programs are listed under the "Deadline not specified" entry in the index. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, go to the first section and read through all the entries in the chapter that matches your degree focus.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This is the fourth biennial edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields*. The next edition will cover the years 2014-2016 and will be released by mid-2014.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

How to Pay for Your Degree in Agriculture & Related Fields is one of a dozen financial aid titles published by Reference Service Press that deal with specific subject areas, including *How to Pay for Your Degree in Education & Related Fields*, *How to Pay for Your Degree in Engineering*, and *Money for Graduate Students in the Biological & Health Sciences*. For more information on these and other award-winning financial aid directories, you can 1) write to Reference Service Press's marketing department at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 2) call us at (916) 939-9620; 3) fax us at (916) 939-9626; 4) send us an e-mail: info@rspfunding.com; or 5) visit our web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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- Undergraduates* ●
- Graduate Students* ●

Undergraduates

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**[1]
AACC INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

AACC International
Attn: AACC International Foundation
3340 Pilot Knob Road
St. Paul, MN 55121-2097
(651) 454-7250 Fax: (651) 454-0766
E-mail: aacc@scisoc.org
Web: www.aaccnet.org/foundation/undergraduate.asp

Summary To provide financial assistance for college to members of AACC International interested in working on a degree related to grain-based food science and technology.

Eligibility This program is open to AACC International student members who are entering their junior or senior year of college with a GPA of 3.0 or higher both cumulatively and in science and mathematics courses. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in and intent to prepare for a career in grain-based food science and technology or in a related area in industry, academia, or government. They must be working on a degree from an institution that conducts fundamental investigations for the advancement of cereal science and technology, including oilseeds. Selection is based on scholarships previously or currently held; awards and honors received in high school and/or college; extracurricular activities and hobbies; work experience, internships, and related projects; 3 letters of recommendation; transcripts of college or university undergraduate work; and a letter that describes career plans and their relationship to pertinent courses taken or planned, especially courses related to cereal science or technology, including oilseeds. Age, sex, race, financial need, and previous receipt or non-receipt of this scholarship are not considered.

Financial Data Stipends are \$2,000, \$1,500, or \$1,000 per year.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

Additional data AACC International was formerly the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

Number awarded Up to 15 each year.

Deadline February of each year.

**[2]
ABAK AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky
Attn: Scholarship Program
512 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 226-1122 Fax: (502) 875-1595
E-mail: info@kyagbusiness.org
Web: www.kyagbusiness.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to Kentucky residents interested in working on an undergraduate degree in agriculture at a college in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of Kentucky enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate at an institution of higher education in any state. Applicants must have a declared major in an agricultural-related field of study or be accepted into an agricultural study program. They must submit 2 essays of 500 words each: 1) why they decided to major in agriculture and what they plan on doing after graduation; 2) what they think the future holds for agriculture in the United States and the world; and 3) how this scholarship would impact them financially. Selection is based on commitment to agriculture and the quality of the application; financial need is not considered.

Financial Data The stipend is \$1,000.

Duration 1 year; nonrenewable.

Additional data This program was established in 1996.

Number awarded 1 or more each year.

Deadline May of each year.

**[3]
ACCELERATED GENETICS SCHOLARSHIPS**

National FFA Organization
Attn: Scholarship Office
6060 FFA Drive
P.O. Box 68960
Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960
(317) 802-4419 Fax: (317) 802-5419
E-mail: scholarships@ffa.org
Web: www.ffa.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to FFA members currently studying an agriculture-related subject in college.

Eligibility This program is open to members currently enrolled full time in college and working on a 2- or 4-year degree in agriculture, animal science, communications, conservation, crop science, education, engineering, finance, food science, horticulture, management, marketing, range science, sales, science, or agricultural technology. Applicants, or their parents, must be purchasing semen or farm products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative. They must live on a family-owned farm. Selection is based on academic achievement (10 points for GPA, 10 points for SAT or ACT score, 10 points for class rank), leadership in FFA activities (30 points), leadership in community activities (10 points), and participation in the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program (30 points). U.S. citizenship is required.

Financial Data The stipend is \$1,000. Funds are paid directly to the recipient.

Duration 1 year; nonrenewable.

Additional data Funding for these scholarships is provided by Accelerated Genetics.

Number awarded 2 each year.

Deadline February of each year.

**[4]
AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST**

Agriculture Council of America
Attn: Ag Day Contest
11020 King Street, Suite 205
Overland Park, KS 66210
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E-mail: essay@agday.org
Web: www.agday.org

Summary To recognize and reward high school students who submit outstanding essays on the importance of agriculture.

Eligibility This competition is open to students in grades 7-12 at schools in the United States. Applicants must submit an essay, up to 450 words in length, on a topic that changes annually but relates to the importance of agriculture; recently, students were asked to write on "Agriculture-Every Day in Every Way." Selection is based on material organization (40 points); vocabulary and style (25 points); grammar, punctuation, and spelling (20 points); neatness (10 points); and adherence to contest rules (5 points).

Financial Data Each state winner receives \$100. The national winner receives \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at a dinner.

Duration The competition is held annually.
Number awarded 1 national winner and up to 50 state winners are selected each year.
Deadline February of each year.

[5]
AGLIFE FOR AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Administrative Services, Inc.
 Attn: ALfA Program
 457 Ives Terrace
 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Summary To provide financial assistance to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students working on a degree in a field related to agriculture.

Eligibility This program is open to full-time students working on or planning to work on an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agriculture-related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be able to demonstrate a record of involvement in extracurricular and work activities related to agriculture. Along with their application, they must submit a 1,000-word essay on their educational and career goals, why they believe agriculture is essential to America, and why they have decided to prepare for a career in agriculture. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

Financial Data The stipend is \$5,000 per year.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed 1 additional year if the recipient maintains full-time enrollment and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Additional data This program is sponsored by AgLife for America (ALfA) and administered by Scholarship Administrative Services, Inc. ALfA was established in 2003 to encourage more American students to consider remaining on the farm. Requests for applications should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope, the student's e-mail address, and the source where they found the scholarship information.

Number awarded Up to 20 each year.

Deadline April of each year.

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AGNES MCINTOSH GARDEN CLUB OBJECTIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Attn: Scholarship Chair
 1400 South Denning Drive
 Winter Park, FL 32789-5662
 (407) 647-7016 Fax: (407) 647-5479
 E-mail: ffgc@earthlink.net
 Web: www.ffgc.org/education/ffgc_scholarships.html

Summary To provide financial assistance to Florida residents working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in designated areas related to gardening at a school in the state.

Eligibility This program is open to Florida residents who are enrolled as full-time sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students at a college or university in the state. Applicants must be working on a degree in ecology, horticulture, landscape horticulture, landscape design, conservation, botany, forestry, marine biology, city planning, or an allied subject. They must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be able to demonstrate financial need. U.S. citizenship is required.

Financial Data The stipend is \$2,500. The funds are sent directly to the recipient's school and distributed semiannually.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline April of each year.

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AGRICULTURE FUTURE OF AMERICA LEADER AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Agriculture Future of America
 P.O. Box 414838
 Kansas City, MO 64141
 (816) 472-4232 Toll Free: (888) 472-4232
 Fax: (816) 472-4239
 Web: www.agfuture.org/students/scholar/index.html

Summary To provide financial assistance to high school seniors who plan to study agriculture in college.

Eligibility This program is open to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a 4-year college or university and major in an agriculture-related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Along with their application, they must submit an essay of 300 to 500 words on their personal vision for agriculture, including why they are interested in an agricultural career. Selection is based on that essay, leader and community involvement, and financial need.

Financial Data The stipend is \$1,600. Funds are paid at the beginning of the second semester of the freshman year, provided the recipient attends the sponsor's Leaders Conference during the fall of the freshman year. The program provides a grant of \$1,000 to help defray costs of attending the conference.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 20 each year.

Deadline March of each year.

[8]
AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

National FFA Organization
 Attn: Agri-Entrepreneurship Education Program
 6060 FFA Drive
 P.O. Box 68960
 Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960
 (317) 802-4302 Fax: (317) 802-5302
 E-mail: ag_ent@ffa.org
 Web: www.ffa.org

Summary To recognize and reward high school student members of FFA who engage in entrepreneurial activities.

Eligibility This program is open to current members who have established an agricultural enterprise that takes advantage of an opportunity that others have overlooked. Their application should describe their agribusiness or business idea (50 points), explain how they began and how they identified the opportunity to start this enterprise (100 points), describe the current business and marketing plan of the enterprise (75 points), and identify their future plans (50 points). Candidates first compete at the state level; winners advance to the national competition.

Financial Data Each state winner receives \$250; states with more than 20 applicants award a \$100 second prize. National winners receive \$1,000.

Duration The competition is held annually.

Number awarded 10 each year.

Deadline July of each year.

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