



2016 Future of Iowa Agriculture Scholarship Program

Purpose

The mission of the Iowa Corn Promotion Board and the Iowa Corn Growers Association is *"Creating Opportunities for Long-Term Iowa Corn Grower Profitability"*. The future of the Iowa corn industry depends on the development of a solid core group of agricultural experts entering the industry – both producers and agribusiness professionals. The future success of Iowa Corn will depend on our ability to offer support, relevant programming, advocacy, and services to those **new stakeholders entering Iowa's agricultural sector**.

The ***Iowa Corn Future of Iowa Agriculture Scholarship Program*** provides support to those who are preparing themselves in college programs to enter the agriculture industry. Sixteen (16) \$500 one-year scholarships will be awarded to deserving, qualified students enrolled at an accredited U.S. 2-year or 4-year junior college, college or university, or graduate school, in a program of study that can equip the student to contribute to the agriculture industry in Iowa.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

- **Eight (8) \$500 "First-year Scholarships"** are reserved for **high school seniors** entering their first year of college, one from each Iowa Corn District Field Manager territory.
- **Eight (8) \$500 "Upperclassmen Scholarships"** are reserved for students entering their second, third, or fourth year of college, or who are enrolled in a graduate program - one from each Iowa Corn District Field Manager territory.
- Scholarships are for one year, and previous winners may reapply.
- Scholarships may be used to offset tuition, school supplies, or student housing.
- Funds will be issued on behalf of each student to his or her college financial aid department in August 2016, but entering freshman must successfully complete the first college term and those funds will be applied to second term expenses.
- Scholarships are awarded for the 2016-2017 school year.

APPLICANT/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants for **"First-year Scholarships"** must be entering their first undergraduate year at an accredited junior college, college or university.
- Applicants for **"Upperclassmen Scholarships"** must be entering at least their second year at an accredited junior college, college or university.
- Applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a program of study that can equip the student to contribute to the agriculture industry in Iowa.
- Applicant must be an Iowa Corn Growers Association member or son/daughter of an ICGA member. Apply for ICGA membership at www.iowacorn.org.
- Scholarship applications will be available on our website at www.iowacorn.org by November 16, 2015, and must be submitted by February 1, 2016.

SELECTION & NOTIFICATION

- A selection committee appointed by the Iowa Corn Grassroots Network, Membership and Checkoff committee chairperson, or the corresponding Iowa Corn District Committee, will score the essays **using a "blind" evaluation process and then** review and rate applications and letters of recommendation to achieve a final ranking of applications.
- Scholarship winners will be determined by February 26, 2016.
- Recipients will be notified by phone and mail by March 4, 2016.
- Checks will be mailed to the respective financial aid offices in August 2016.
- Funds for recipients **of "First-year scholarships" will be issued** to the school financial aid offices in August 2016, but will be retained by the schools and only made available to recipients after they enroll for the second semester of college coursework.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following materials should be postmarked by February 01, 2016:

- Completed application (complete and save the form that follows and print a copy to submit)
- Current transcript from high school, junior college, college or university (copies accepted)
- Proof that you are seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited junior college, college or university (transcript will suffice for upperclassmen - entering freshmen should submit letter of acceptance or other form from your college registrar).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (letters should be from non-family members, and one should be from a high school or college faculty member or advisor)
- Current résumé, or list of activities, awards and honors
- 500-word essay on "How I will use what I learn in my program of study to contribute to the agriculture industry in Iowa" (use form provided).

Please ensure that all materials are complete and your application package is postmarked by Monday, February 01, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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APPLICATION

(Please enter information only in the text boxes provided)

Name Email

School Address
Number Street Apt./Unit

City State Zip

Home Address
Number Street Apt./Unit

City State Zip

Phone College I am (or will be) attending

Current year in School
Major

ICGA Member Name (self or parent/guardian)

ICGA Member Number (if unsure, call ICGA office to verify)

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your personal character, your accomplishments, and your interest in agriculture. The letters should be from non-family members and one should be from a high school or college faculty member or school administrator.

Essay

Please provide an essay of 500 words or less, in the space provided on the next page, on "How I will use what I learn in my program of study to contribute to the agriculture industry in Iowa."

Additional Documentation

Please attach a copy of your current academic transcript and a current résumé or a list your activities, awards and honors. Résumé or list of activities, awards and honors should not exceed two (2) pages.



Iowa Corn Future of Iowa Agriculture Scholarship - Student Essay

ICGA Member Number (if unsure, call ICGA office to verify)

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Please do not include your name or any other identifying information on this page except for the ICGA member number requested above.

Answer below, in the text box provided, the following question: **"How will I use what I learn in my program of study to contribute to the agriculture industry in Iowa?"** *Please do not change the size or formatting of the text box.*