



Louisiana Ag Industries Association, Inc. (LAIA)

Scholarship Program for Continuing Education Students

The Louisiana Ag Industries Association was established to support deserving students in continuing their education and obtaining their degree from Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, McNeese State University, or Southeastern Louisiana University. This award is presented to a deserving student majoring in any degree program, but additional preference shall be given to students majoring in an agricultural field. A new revision to this scholarship application is that it will apply not only to juniors and seniors pursuing a bachelor's degree, but also to graduate students. Agricultural majors will receive additional consideration, but it is not required.

There shall be one scholarship awarded in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The recipient shall be an outstanding student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in any field. Additional consideration will be given to those students majoring in agriculture, which shall include, but not limited to: agriculture business, agronomy, plant science, horticulture, agriculture economics, entomology, weed science, agriculture marketing, and agriculture finance.
2. The recipient shall be considered an upperclassman (Junior or Senior) who has achieved a minimum overall academic grade point average of 2.75 or a graduate student with a minimum overall 3.0 grade point average.
3. The recipient shall be a United States citizen and a Louisiana resident.
4. Preference shall be given to those students who have demonstrated academic ability, participation in student activities, citizenship, leadership skills, and affiliation with professional agricultural associations.
5. The recipient may re-apply annually for the scholarship but no recipient shall receive more than \$2000 total.
6. The recipient shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee and LAIA Board of Directors.
7. All applicants will be notified by May 10, 2018 if they have been selected for the award. Awards will be given at the beginning of the fall semester, usually in August. They will be recognized during the annual LAIA Convention (location and date to be determined).
8. It is understood that the Louisiana Ag Industries Association, Inc. will provide a \$1000 check payable to the applicant directly in August of 2018, after proof of enrollment is received. This can be in the form of fee schedule, class schedule, or letter from the admissions office.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must:

1. Have an overall grade point average in college of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or better for undergraduate or 3.0 for graduate student.
2. Be considered an upperclassman (Junior or Senior) or graduate (Masters or Doctoral).
3. Attend one of the accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana listed below:
 - a. Louisiana Tech University
 - b. Louisiana State University (main campus or any satellite campus)
 - c. McNeese State University
 - d. University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL)
 - e. University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM)
 - f. Southeastern State University
4. Be an immediate family member of an employee who is a current member of LAIA. The immediate family members may include: parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, step-children, niece, nephew, or siblings.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

- Complete the attached form and return it to the Louisiana Ag Industries Association, Inc., along with a current college transcript. All questions must be answered. APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR HAND-WRITTEN LEGIBLY. "STUDENT STATEMENT" MUST BE HAND-WRITTEN ONLY.
- Mail to:

LAIA Scholarship

P.O. Box 12360

Alexandria, LA 71315

- Application must be postmarked by **April 30, 2018**.

❖ *Any questions may be directed to the Association office at 318.613.9278.*

APPLICATION

Name: _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

Address: _____ Parish: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: _____ M _____ F

Name of immediate relative who is current member of LAIA: _____

How are they related to you? _____

Place employed: _____

Address of company: _____

Company telephone: _____ Relative's job title: _____

Date relative was employed: _____

List members of your family and their occupations or schools they attend:

Name and address of college/university currently attending: _____

Dates of attendance and expected graduation date: _____

Course of study/degree program you are pursuing: _____

School organizations and offices held: _____

Community activities: _____

Church affiliation and/or volunteer work: _____

Athletics and or other extracurricular activities not listed above: _____

Special interests and hobbies: _____

Student's Statement: Please attach a separate sheet to make a **hand-written statement** in support of your application for a scholarship. Label it **"Student's Statement"**.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Immediate Relative (LAIA member)

Date