

Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is led by students pursuing Master's and Doctorate degrees in the agricultural sciences. SAGES exists to promote leadership, to encourage the study of agricultural issues relevant to the State of New York, and to promote a better relationship between the Station and the population of the city of Geneva and surrounding communities. Members have an expressed interest in the advancement of the agricultural sciences through research, outreach, extension, education and leadership. As young scientists, SAGES members feel it is especially important to foster enthusiasm for agriculture at all levels and to promote awareness of the importance of agriculture in people's every-day lives. The Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship was founded in 2009 as a way for SAGES to give back to the communities that have contributed so much to the lives and educations of students at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and Cornell.

SAGES will award up to two \$500 "**Advancement of Agricultural Studies**" scholarships. Each will be awarded to a qualified graduating senior from an area high school who intends to pursue an advanced degree (Associates or Bachelors) in agriculture, defined as the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, or raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products. The scholarship committee will accept applications from graduating seniors who are residents of or attend high school in the following eligible counties: **Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne**. Successful applicants must intend to enroll in a 2- or 4-year degree program in one of the agricultural sciences, including, but not limited to: food science, entomology, plant science, natural resources, animal science, agronomy, horticulture, dairy science, pre-veterinarian (livestock), agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, agricultural communications, agricultural education, or agricultural marketing. Applications will be evaluated for the following criteria: academic achievement, leadership experience, and the application essay demonstrating interest in the agricultural sciences. **Applications are due by April 15th, 2016. Winner(s) will be notified by the end of May 2016. If accepted, recipient(s) will need to fill out a W8/Q9 tax form. Recipient(s) will also need to show proof of enrollment in a degree program.**

Scholarship Checklist:

- ☐ Official High School Transcript
- ☐ Application Questionnaire
- ☐ Personal Essay
- ☐ Signature on all pages of the application

Please send all completed application materials by mail or email to:

SAGES Scholarship Committee

c/o Ashley Leach

Entomology department

630 W. North St.

Geneva, NY 14456

al2282@cornell.edu

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, April 15, 2016

**Application for the Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship sponsored by:
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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Circle the specific area(s) of agriculture in which you intend to pursue an advanced degree:

Food Science	Entomology	Plant Science
Dairy or Meat Science	Pre-veterinarian (Livestock)	Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Engineering	Animal Science	Horticulture
Agricultural Marketing	Agricultural Education	Agronomy
Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Science	Other: _____

List (in order of your preference) the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied, and indicate whether or not you have been accepted at each school.

College and/ or University	Accepted?
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Please list extra-curricular activities (work, sports, music, clubs) in which you have participated while in high school. Note any leadership or other special responsibilities (use up to one extra sheet if needed):

Signature: _____

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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Please include your official high school transcript with your application. Transcripts may be mailed to the following address:

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RECOMMENDATION

Please include one letter of recommendation from a person that can comment on your academic performance and/or extracurricular activities in high school. The name, address, phone number, and relationship of the recommender to the applicant must be included in the recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be submitted via mail or emailed directly from the recommender to the SAGES scholarship committee (al2282@cornell.edu).

PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate piece of paper, write an essay that addresses the following bullet points. Essays should be one page or less in length, typed in at least an 11 point font size, and margins should be at least 1". Double or single space is acceptable. Please **include your name and signature on all pages of this application:**

- *Describe your interest in studying agriculture*
- *Describe the specific aspect of agriculture you want to study*
- *Explain why you chose that area of study*

The essay is **especially important** to the success of your application, so please be thoughtful in your response. You are encouraged to have someone review your essay before submission.

Signature: _____