



*NCGA Academic Excellence in Agriculture
Scholarship Program*

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All application materials may be submitted
after October 6, 2008 and must be
postmarked by **January 23, 2009**

National Corn Growers Association
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction

In its mission to create and increase opportunities for this country's corn producers, the **National Corn Growers Association (NCGA)** continues to play a significant role in keeping U.S. growers the most efficient and successful in the world. A well orchestrated focus on strategic initiatives—sound farm policy; advancement of biofuels and research efforts; improved trade relations; and promotion of conservation practices that have revolutionized farming—continues to drive the future of the organization, leading corn farmers into a new era of agriculture. A mainstay in NCGA's success is the Association's ability to remain forward looking and provide a solid base for the next generation of corn producers.

Likewise, **BASF Corporation**, as the world's largest chemical company and a leader in the U.S. crop protection product market, realizes the continued success of American agriculture relies on looking toward the future. Through ongoing education and by providing technologically advanced and environmentally sound products and services, BASF provides current and prospective growers with vital tools to ensure success.

The ***NCGA Academic Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program*** will be conducted annually, awarding five (5) \$1,000 one-year scholarships to deserving, qualified second-year or later, agriculture students enrolled in an agriculture, agribusiness, or ag vocation programs at a U.S. 2-year or 4-year program of study at an accredited junior college, college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

- Scholarships are for one year; previous winners may **not** reapply.
- Scholarships may be used to offset tuition, school supplies, or student housing.
- Funds will be issued directly to student in February/March 2009.
- Scholarships awarded for 2009-2010 school year.

APPLICANT/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be entering at least his or her second undergraduate year at an accredited junior college, college or university.
- Applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural, agribusiness, or an ag vocation field.
- Applicant must be an NCGA member or son/daughter of an NCGA member.
- Employees and the families of employees of any division of BASF or their subsidiaries are not eligible for the scholarship.
- Applications must be postmarked January 23, 2009.

NOTIFICATION

- Finalists will be notified by phone and mail.
- Official announcement will be held at NCGA's annual tradeshow and convention, Commodity Classic '09 – Grapevine, TX. Winners need not be present. Travel and one night's lodging will be provided by BASF to winners and parent/guardian of winners under 18 years of age.
- Checks will be issued to winners following Commodity Classic in late February.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

By Friday, January 23, 2009, please postmark and submit the following materials:

- Completed application
- Current transcript from junior college, college or university
- Proof that you are seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural, agribusiness, or an ag vocation field (transcript may suffice, consult your registrar or department office for more information)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (at least two must be from non-family members, and one should be from a faculty member)
- Current resume or list of activities, awards and honors
- 500-word essay on "Why I am pursuing an agriculture-related career"

Please ensure that all materials are complete and your application package is postmarked by Friday, January 23, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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APPLICATION

Name _____

School Address _____

Number Street Apt./Unit

City State Zip

Home Address _____

Number Street Apt./Unit

City State Zip

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Year in School _____ Major _____

NCGA Member Name (self or parent/guardian) _____

NCGA Member Number _____

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your personal character, your accomplishments, and your interest in agriculture. At least two letters should be from non-family members and one should be from a faculty member or school administrator.

Essay

Please provide an essay, not to exceed 500 words, on "Why I am pursuing an agriculture-related career."

Additional Documentation

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