



NAAE Upper Division Scholarship Application Instructions and Supporting Information



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Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, each applicant must be:

1. an agricultural education major that will be completing his or her student teaching in fall 2017 or spring 2018 in a college or university that offers a program of study in agricultural education;
 2. majoring in agricultural education with intentions to become an agriculture teacher;
 3. a student member of NAAE during the NAAE membership year in which they apply for the scholarship;
- AND**
4. one of a maximum of three applicants selected to apply for this scholarship from the applicant's institution – the teacher education faculty at the respective institution must certify accordingly.

Previous recipients of the NAAE Upper Division Agricultural Education Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

How to Apply and Application Deadline

Each applicant must prepare an application and supporting documents and upload the materials **via the NAAE website no later than May 15, 2017**. To submit your scholarship application, please use the link in the Upper Division Scholarship section on the NAAE Awards, Grants and Professional Development programs page. (<http://www.naae.org/resources/awards/index.cfm>)

Applications received after May 15 will not be accepted. No printed or emailed applications will be accepted.

Evaluation of Applications

The scholarship applications will be evaluated by NAAE. Those applicants selected to receive scholarships will be notified; unsuccessful applicants will also be notified. Notifications will occur in August 2017.

Recipients

Each recipients will receive one \$1500 scholarship to be used toward expenses associated with being a college or university student preparing to be an agricultural teacher. Scholarships will be awarded during the recipient's student teaching semester.

Required Materials

Each application package submitted must include the following [applications will be evaluated on a 100 point scale]:

1. A description of the applicant's leadership and service activities [criterion weight: 30 points]
2. An essay (approximately 400 words) entitled "Why I Want to Teach Agriculture" [criterion weight: 30 points]
3. A letter of support from the applicant's college or university advisor (an agricultural education teacher educator) [criterion weight: 5 points]
4. A letter of support from an agricultural education leader other than a college or university faculty member (high school agriculture teacher; agriculture community leader who supports agricultural education at the local, state, or national level; etc.) [criterion weight: 5 points]
5. A copy of the applicant's official college/university transcripts from all colleges/universities attended which includes undergraduate and graduate course work (if spring 2016 grades are not reflected on the official transcript submitted with the application, an updated official transcript may be submitted to arrive at the NAAE office no later than Thursday, June 1, 2017, but it is not required) [criterion weight: 30 points]
6. A professional photo or headshot - A high resolution photo of the applicant in .gif, .jpeg, .png, .bmp, .jpg, or .tif form must be uploaded as part of the online submission of your application.

Please save each of these required items separately on your computer and upload them to the appropriate field on the scholarship application form on the NAAE website.

Questions

If you have questions or problems, call (800) 509-0204 for assistance or verification that your completed application was received.