



Ohio Corn & Wheat High School and Collegiate Scholarship Application

Introduction

Ohio Corn & Wheat consisting of The Ohio Corn Checkoff, The Ohio Small Grains Checkoff and the Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association invests in the future of our industry by understanding the importance of the next generation. These scholarships are meant to reward members of our organization who are committed to a career in agriculture. Applicants must be high school seniors who are pursuing a two or four-year degree beginning in the next year or are undergraduate students that have at least one year left of education.

With the association working to lobby for agriculture at the state house and in DC, the board of directors plays an important role in maintaining each farmer's right to grow. The checkoff programs focus on priorities in research, market development, education and promotion. Together, while working alongside other commodities, the three organizations work to make Ohio agriculture successful, not just for today but for the years to come.

Our hope is that our members become well-informed citizens and can act on their rights to speak up and voice opinions that best represent the industry.

Below you will find the scholarship description, requirements, how you will be informed of the winners and how to submit your application. If you have questions or need clarification, please contact Ellen S. Gilliland by calling 740.201.8088 or by emailing egilliland@ohiocornandwheat.org.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

- Scholarships are for one year.
- Scholarships may be used to offset tuition, school supplies, books, or student housing.
- Funds will be issued directly to students before July 2018.
- Scholarships are awarded for 2017-2018 school year.

APPLICANT/APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in an agricultural, agribusiness, or an agricultural vocational field. Students studying automotive who have interest in biofuels may apply.
 - Collegiate Applicant: Must have completed one undergraduate year at an accredited junior college, college or university
 - High School Applicant: Must be a senior who is graduating and entering college for fall semester.
- Applicant must be a student Ohio Corn & Wheat member
 - Note: students may submit membership form when applying for the scholarship. Go to <http://ohiocornandwheat.org/join-us/> to join or contact Ellen Gilliland for details.
- Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm January 12, 2018.

APPLICATION SELECTION

- Applications and references will be reviewed.
- The essay and resume will serve as the weighted sections of the application and will be scored using a rubric developed by OCWGA.
- Interviews may be conducted. Please mark your calendar for January 24 and 25, 2018.

NOTIFICATION

- Finalists will be notified by phone and email by January 25.
- Checks will be mailed to winners.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Please email all materials to egilliland@ohiocornandwheat.org.
- Applications **must** be submitted by the student.
- Documents **must** be saved as PDFs. If not submitted as a PDF, application will be disqualified.
- Letters of Reference may be sent in by the reference or the applicant, but should be emailed to egilliland@ohiocornandwheat.org as a PDF.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

By Friday, January 27, 2017, please submit the following materials:

- Completed application
- One letter of recommendation
- Current resume or list of activities, awards and honors
- 500-word essay on "Why I am pursuing an agriculture-related career"

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ellen S. Gilliland, 740.201.8088, egilliland@ohiocornandwheat.org

APPLICATION

Name _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Year in School _____ Major _____

OCWGA Member Number _____

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide one letter of recommendation from individuals familiar with your personal character, your accomplishments, and your interest in agriculture.

Essay

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

Additional Documentation

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