

National Market News Association Scholarship Program Scholarship suspended at this time, until the Executive Board Members Meet.

OVERVIEW

The National Market News Association (NMNA) will annually award a scholarship to an **UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE** student whose major field of study is in the following: Agriculture, Animal Science, Agriculture Economics, Agriculture Marketing, Plant Science or other agriculture field.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence and the potential for future leadership in the agriculture industry. Review criteria are based on financial need, academic achievement, service activities, career goals and demonstration of leadership potential.

The scholarship is awarded to the student deemed most deserving by the NMNA Scholarship Committee. One or two scholarships award, amounts vary from \$500 to \$1500 each. Recipients will be notified in early August.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for consideration of this award, applicants must fulfill these minimum requirements:

- The applicant must be a full-time student in an undergraduate or graduate program in the agriculture field.
- The applicant must have a financial need please explain in writing, but is not the sole determining criteria.
- Completed application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by _____. Late applications or incomplete application packets will not be accepted.

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- Complete Application
- Submit (2) Two Letters of Recommendation
- Submit Personal Statement
- Copy of Transcript



APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name:		
Permanent Address:		
Primary Contact Phone	Number:	
Email Address:		
	rent from above):	

College Name and Address:_	
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– Phone Number:	
- Academic Advisor's Name:_	
Address:	

Grade Level:_____

GPA (current or most recent semester):_____

- Describe your field of study, major and minor.
- Awards (List any awards or special recognition you have received at school or in your community.)
- Extracurricular Activities (List community involvement activities or group memberships.)



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must include at least (2) Letters of Recommendation with their application packet. The Letters of Recommendation must meet the following criteria:

- Each letter should compare the student to others in the following areas:
 - o Leadership Abilities
 - o Technical Skills
 - Communication Skills
 - o Overall scholarship/aptitude
- The letters of recommendation should include the recommender's position/title.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

NMNA would like a better understanding of who you are as a person. Please prepare a personal statement/essay (250 word minimum) that includes a brief description of the following:

- Past Achievements
- Career goals upon graduation
- "Why Should I Receive This Scholarship?"
- Statement of financial need

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION ADDRESS

Please mail or fax completed application and all supporting materials by <u>this scholarship is suspended at</u> <u>this time, until the executive board members meet</u> to:

The President of NMNA

If you have any questions, please email <u>Tiffany.Smit@ams.usda.gov</u>. Please feel free to explore our web site at <u>www.ams.usda.gov/nmna</u> for more information about the National Market News Association.

Thank you for your interest! Please check back later for updates.