



## Ohio Agricultural Council Scholarship Program Instructions

The Ohio Agricultural Council (OAC) offers scholarships to assist students in pursuing their education in agriculture-related areas of study and to help promote agriculture and agribusiness as a growing field of career opportunities.

### Scholarship Program

The Ohio Agricultural Council provides up to three (3) \$1,500 scholarships annually to Ohio high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in agriculture and up to three (3) \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate college students from Ohio who are currently pursuing a degree in agriculture.

### Selection Process

Scholarships are selected based on academic record, leadership qualities, community involvement and responses to application essay questions. Applicants will be reviewed and selected by a committee of individuals who are active members of the Ohio Agricultural Council. Scholarship recipients will be asked to attend at least one Ohio Agricultural Council meeting and will be provided a one-year complimentary membership in the Council. For more information about OAC, check out <http://www.ohioagcouncil.org/>.

Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April of their award. Recipients will be recognized during the 2019 OAC Hall of Fame Awards Breakfast at the Ohio State Fair on August 7, 2020. The scholarship is to be used for the 2020-2021 school year.

### Eligibility

Scholarships are available to high school seniors preparing to enter college as a full-time student or any full-time undergraduate student currently enrolled in college. Applicants or their parent/legal guardian must be a resident of the State of Ohio. The applicant must have declared, or plan to declare, a major in agriculture at any two-year or four-year college or university. All application submission requirements must be met to be considered for a scholarship. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is preferred.

### Required Submission & Supplemental Materials

Complete application packages include:

- **Fillable application**
- **Transcript(s)** (*Submit an updated transcript from the high school or college you are currently attending. First semester college students please include both your high school and college transcript. Unofficial copies are acceptable.*)
- **One letter of recommendation** (*from someone other than a family member*)

All components of the application **MUST BE COMBINED IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT** with materials listed in the following order: fillable application, transcript(s), letter of recommendation. Save the pdf document as "**LAST NAME\_FIRST NAME**". Email the pdf document to the Ohio Agricultural Council at [info@ohioagcouncil.org](mailto:info@ohioagcouncil.org). You will receive an email confirming your application has been received.

**DEADLINE: Completed application due by February 15th, 2020.**

**Questions: Please contact the Ohio Ag Council at 614-794-8970 or [info@ohioagcouncil.org](mailto:info@ohioagcouncil.org).**

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