

College of Agriculture



Tennessee State University FARM BILL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2021 APPLICATION



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the Tennessee State University 1890 Farm Bill Scholarship Program. The purpose of the scholars' program is to provide scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training of undergraduate students pursuing the following areas in Tennessee State University's College of Agriculture: **Agribusiness, Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC), Biotechnology, Environmental Sciences, Food and Animal Sciences, and Food and Nutritional Sciences (Dietetics)**. The scholarships are intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields that would lead to a highly-skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors, community college, and other transfer students who demonstrate academic excellence, extraordinary leadership traits, and community service commitment. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides funding (partial and full-ride scholarships to be awarded) to selected students accepted to the College of Agriculture at Tennessee State University.

Again, thank you for your interest in the 1890 Farm Bill Scholars Program, and best wishes in your pursuit of academic excellence!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the College of Agriculture 1890 Farm Bill Scholars Programs, students must:

- Be an eligible participant. Any individual receiving Federal funds from this program must be a citizen or national of the United States.
- Be accepted to Tennessee State University and enrolled as a full-time student (15 credit hours) in one of the College of Agriculture's eligible academic programs.
- Intend to pursue a career in food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences.
- High School Seniors must have a minimum cumulative 3.2-grade point average (GPA) at the application time. Community College or other transfer students must have a minimum cumulative 3.0-grade point average (GPA) at the time of application.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Only completed application packages submitted by the deadline will be considered. All application materials must be presented in one application package. Complete application packages must include the following:

1. Biographical Questionnaire (pages 5-7);
2. Current Resume;
3. Essay of 500-800 word essay describing the applicant's interest and intent to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences or related fields;
4. Current official transcript with the school's seal or signature of an authorized school official (preferably through the most recent quarter/semester);
5. Two letters of recommendation; and,
6. Must include a signed and dated application (including the parent or guardian's signature if the applicant is under the age of 18).

ELIGIBLE MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

The College of Agriculture offers the following baccalaureate degree programs and concentrations, which comprise the eligible concentrations for this scholars program:

Degree Program	Concentration
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Agribusiness
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Biotechnology (Pre-Med)
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Environmental Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Food and Animal Sciences (Pre-Vet/Pre-Med)
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences	Foods and Nutritional Sciences/Dietetics (Pre-Med/Pre-Pharmacy)

Application Deadline

All application materials **must be POSTMARKED** no later than **Thursday, April 15, 2021** and sent to the attention of:

De'Etra Young, PhD
Tennessee State University
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd.
202 Ag Biotechnology Building
Nashville, TN 37209

For more information, please contact Dr. De'Etra Young at dyoung23@tnstate.edu (615) 963-5123 or Mr. Everett Jolley at evjolley@tnstate.edu.

Selection Process

A committee comprised of faculty from all eligible concentrations will conduct a holistic review of the applicant's entire application. Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible.

Biographical Questionnaire

The following questions are designed to collect information about your background, your interests, and your plans. Your answers to these questions will be used only in connection with your application for this scholarship program and will be divulged only to qualified persons who must see them during their duties.

Biographical Information

Legal Name

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

U.S. Citizen: _____ Yes _____ No

Telephone (Home) _____

Telephone (Cell) _____ Email Address _____

A. Education

Name of Current School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

GPA (on a 4.0 unweighted scale) _____ ACT/SAT Score* _____

*Note: Grade point averages and standardized test scores should match supporting documentation submitted by counselor. Do not apply if you do not meet these criteria. *Please provide ACT/SAT scores if you have taken the exam.*

1. List any other schools that you attended in the last 4 years. List the schools in order of attendance, with the one you attended most recently listed first.

Name of school	Location (City & State)	Dates of Attendance

2. List any advanced or special program, courses, or summer courses you have taken. List the most recent course or program first.

Course or Program	Name of School	Address	Dates of Attendance	Hours per Week

3. What course of study (major) in the **College of Agriculture** will you pursue? Please refer to the eligible majors and concentrations list.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Activities

1. List extracurricular activities in which you have participated in school or in the community (i.e. academic activities such as 4-H, FFA, debate, sports, music, art, etc.).

Activity	Dates of Participation	Office(s) Held	Special Award(s)

2. List volunteer and paid positions you have held in the past 4 years (including summer employment).

Volunteer or Paid Positions	Employer/Organization	Date of Service or Employment	Hours per Week	Special Award(s)

Review this form to make sure you have answered all questions completely. Proofread your responses.

I certify that I have completed this application and that all statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement could eliminate me from consideration for this scholarship.

Print your Legal Name:

Applicant's Signature:

Date Signed:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Print Name (Parent or Legal Guardian): Note: If the applicant is a child, under the age of 18, parental or legal guardian signature is required.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Date Signed:

Note: This form and all other application materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2021.

Secondary/Post-Secondary School Record (for counselor)

The applicant's original SAT and/or ACT scores, along with an official secondary school transcript (with seal and signature by an authorized official), including grades 9 through 12 must be attached to this section of the application. If the official transcript and SAT and/or ACT scores are not provided, the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship. If the applicant is enrolled in official college courses (i.e. dual degree), please submit an official transcript from the college as well. ***This form is for HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR applicants ONLY.***

Applicant's Full Name

Last	First Suffix	Middle
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Counselor's Printed Name

Counselor's Signature

Date
