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Agricultural Education Scholarship

1. Scholarship Purpose

The purpose of the OCIA Research and Education scholarship is to support students pursuing education in agriculture or agricultural-related fields. This scholarship is intended to encourage leadership, innovation, and service within the agricultural sector by investing in students committed to advancing agricultural education, sustainability, and community engagement.

2. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Be enrolled or accepted into an accredited:
 - Community college, technical school, or university agricultural program
 - Major or focus area must relate to agriculture (examples include but are not limited to):
 - Agricultural Education
 - Agronomy, Animal Science, or Crop Science
 - Sustainable or Organic Agriculture
 - Agricultural Business or Economics
 - Environmental or Natural Resource Management
 - Demonstrated interest in agricultural education, outreach, or leadership
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3. Scholarship Award

- Award Amount: \$1,500
 - Number of Awards: 1-3
 - Funds may be used for:
 - Tuition and fees
 - Books and educational materials
 - Required program expenses
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4. Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Commitment to agricultural education and learning
 - Leadership, service, or involvement in agriculture-related activities
 - Clarity of goals and alignment with the scholarship purpose
 - Quality, authenticity, and thoughtfulness of responses
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5. Applicant Information

1. Full Name:
2. Mailing Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number
5. School Name and Location:
6. Current Program of Study / Intended Major:
7. Expected Graduation Date:

Short Answer Questions (explain below or attach to application)

1. Why are you pursuing education in agriculture?

(300–500 words)

2. Describe your involvement in agricultural education, leadership, or community activities.

(Examples: FFA, 4-H, farm work, research, teaching, outreach, volunteering)

(300–500 words)

3. What challenges do you see facing agriculture today, and how do you hope to address them through education or career goals?

(300–500 words)

4. How will this scholarship support your educational and professional goals?

(200–300 words)