GENERAL INFORMATION

Q: Where does AEF gets its Scholarship Funds?

A: Our primary fundraisers for the Foundation are our Annual Golf Tournament, Walk-a-thon, and Silent Auction held during UnitedAg's Annual Conference each year and generous organizations or individuals that donate.

Q: Can scholarship funds be used for anything other than tuition?

A: The scholarship checks have been issued to the school you will be attending therefore the checks cannot be cashed for personal use. Visit your school's financial aid office to deposit your check in your student account. The monies can be used for: tuition, book/supplies, labs, dorm room living expenses.

Q: When are scholarship winners announced?

A: Scholarship Recipient Winners are typically announced by Mid-Spring in April.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Q: Who is eligible to apply for AEF's Scholarship program?

A: Applicants must be affiliated with an active UnitedAg member company (Regular or Associate level) either as self, spouse, child or grandchild of the employee. *Nieces or nephews do not qualify.*

Q: Do I have to be a UABT plan participant in order for my dependent to qualify for the scholarship program?

A: No, the applicant does not need to have health benefits with UnitedAg BUT must be an active UnitedAg member (Regular or Associate level) to be eligible to apply for the scholarship program.

Q: Is the scholarship program only eligible to students whose major is in the Agricultural industry?

A: No, it does not matter what field of study the student is majoring in.

Q: Will my application be eligible if I don't submit all the required documents?

A: No, all required documents must be submitted in order for the application to be considered eligible. Transcripts and letters of recommendation can be submitted after the deadline but make sure to communicate with Jessica Lopez if that is the case.

Q: Is there a minimum GPA to apply?

A: Yes, all applicants must meet a minimum requirement of a **2.5 GPA** (current term) to be considered eligible. An unofficial GPA transcript can be submitted.

Verification of Authenticity and Plagiarism:

With the rise of AI writing tools, we will use an AI detection tool to review all submitted essays. If any AI plagiarism is detected, it is subject to automatic disqualification.

DEADLINES & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Q: When is the application deadline?

A: The scholarship application deadline is December 31, 2023.

Q: Is there a word limit for the essay?

A: No, there is no word limit for the scholarship essay, it is only required for the essay to be a maximum of two pages and double spaced and a third page for the bibliography.

Q: Regarding the letters of recommendation, is it necessary to submit new letters each year or can you reuse the letters from a previous year?

A: We require three (3) new letters dated in 2023 to be submitted.

Q: Can the author of the Letter of Recommendation mail their letter directly to UnitedAg?

A: Yes. They can either mail to our corporate office or they can email the letter.
 54 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606, Attn: Scholarship
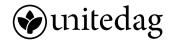 Or email: *scholarship@unitedag.org*

Q: Can my school mail the GPA transcript directly to UnitedAg / AEF?

A: Yes. They can either mail to our corporate office or they can email the letter.
 54 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606, Attn: Scholarship
 Email: *scholarship@unitedag.org*

Q: How long should my personal statement video be?

A: Your personal statement video should be 3 minutes or less and should be shared from a video sharing platform such as YouTube or Vimeo.

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SEPTEMBER 2023
Scholarship application released

DECEMBER 31, 2023
Scholarship application submission deadline

JANUARY 2024
Completed applications will be sent to the Education Committee for scoring

FEBRUARY 2024
Education Committee finishes scoring applications

MARCH 2024
Board Members will review scoring

SPRING 2024
We will announce the award recipients and Scholarship Award Ceremonies will be held

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