

**STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the information in this application is accurate and honest and is my own work.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LACA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF APPLICANTS ACADEMIC RECORDS AND  
RESUME AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO DISTRIBUTE AND REVIEW**

The purpose of this form is to give the members of the LACA Scholarship Committee access to the contents of my application for a merit based scholarship. I understand and agree that:

a) The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act requires that I give permission for all information in my application and letters of recommendation to be disclosed, used and discussed by the scholarship committee. b) If I am selected to receive a scholarship, I grant permission for the scholarship committee to present my biographical information to the financial supporters/donors of my scholarship and to those present at the scholarship awards ceremony during the LACA annual meeting.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVIEW MATERIALS**

I understand that I have the right to review the letters of recommendation written in support of my application unless I waive this right in writing by signing below the waiver statement.

I waive all my rights to review my letters of recommendation. I understand that recommenders may choose to provide me with a copy of their letter, and that this is a courtesy by the author. I do not waive the right to accept a copy of a letter of recommendation that may be given to me by the author.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association Scholarship**

## **Information & Requirements**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO EXPRESS A STRONG INTEREST IN ROW CROP AGRICULTURE.**

- 1. Preference is given to applicants currently enrolled at a Louisiana college or university, and following an agricultural curriculum that emphasizes one or more of the following: Agribusiness/Economics; Agronomy; Entomology; Plant Pathology; Plant Science; Soil Science; Weed Science.**
- 2. A minimum of one undergraduate and one graduate scholarship will be awarded in February of 2021. If funding is available, a third, and possibly even a fourth graduate scholarship will be awarded.**
- 3. Each scholarship is valued at \$2,000.00.**
- 4. The deadline for applying is November 5, 2020. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by November 20, 2020.**
- 5. The scholarships are presented to recipients at the LACA Louisiana Agricultural Technology and Management Conference held February 9-11, 2021. Recipients are expected to make every effort to attend the presentation ceremony (exact time will be communicated in annual meeting program posted to the LACA website ([www.laca1.org](http://www.laca1.org)) in December, 2020.**
- 6. A student can receive an LACA scholarship only once as an undergraduate, and only once as a graduate.**
- 7. An official university transcript(s) from all institutions is required. The Scholarship Committee will accept either a true foreign transcript or a copy if the applicant's department head attaches a signed cover letter stating that the transcript is a true copy. These must be received before the application deadline. The transcript can be mailed, shipped or sent electronically by the university directly to the scholarship chairperson. eSCRIP-SAFE and other electronic transcript services used by the university may also be used to submit transcripts.**
- 8. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above.**
- 9. Two letters of recommendation are required.**
- 10. Both undergraduate and graduate applicants must be FULL TIME students and cannot be employed full time.**
- 11. Undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours or its equivalent prior to application.**

**12. Graduate students must have selected a major professor and must be engaged in his/her research project. A synopsis of current research should be included with the application.**

**13. Each applicant must submit an essay stating why he or she feels qualified to receive a scholarship. The essay must be a minimum of 200 words. In the essay, the student should demonstrate their writing and communication skills. Graduate students applicants should emphasize the importance of their research to agriculture.**

**14. Two current letters of recommendation must be submitted prior to the application deadline. At least one letter must be written by a professor in an agriculture related field. The individuals writing letters of recommendation must send these directly to the chairperson of the scholarship committee.**

**15. Work experience in agriculture is highly desirable.**

**16. Extracurricular activities are desirable.**

**LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**CONTACT INFORMATION (all information must be completed):**

Mr./Mrs./Ms. (circle one)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Postal Mailing Address: Street or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all colleges and universities you have attended including date:

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**Please list the individuals who will recommend you and have them send their letter of recommendation directly to the scholarship chairman at the address given below.**

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**Attach a resume' to this application that includes the following:**

Honors and recognition received in high school and college

Extracurricular activities and interests

Professional agricultural experience including name of supervisor

Any current professional licenses and certifications

**Attach an essay of at least 200 words stating the reasons why you feel you are deserving of a scholarship.**

**Mail completed applications to:**

**Ashley Peters, Chairman**

**LACA Scholarship Committee**

**1335 Ward 3 School Road**

**Winnsboro, LA 71295**

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