

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.

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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 2024. 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 1, 2023. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by December 15, 2023.**
- 5. The scholarships are presented to recipients at the LACA Louisiana Agricultural Technology and Management Conference held February 7-9, 2024. 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) in December, 2023.**
- 6. A student can receive a 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 student 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:

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.

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:

Mr. Ashley Peters, Chairman

LACA Scholarship Committee

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Winnsboro, LA 71295

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