

Tennessee State University



1890 FARM BILL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INCOMING FRESHMAN/HIGH SCHOOL 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 that 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 will lead to a highly-skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors who demonstrate academic excellence, extraordinary leadership traits, and a commitment to community service. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides full tuition and room and board for up to four years to selected students accepted or already enrolled in 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

In order 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 enrolled in, or accepted to one of the College of Agriculture academic programs.
- Intend to pursue a career in food and agricultural sciences, including a career in agribusiness, energy and renewable fuels, or biotechnology.
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.2-grade point average (GPA) at the time of application and maintain at least a 3.2 on a semester and cumulative basis while receiving the scholarship.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in an eligible major and concentration, and as being registered for a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester, in courses outlined in the respective program of study and approved by the student's academic advisor.
- Complete the Privacy Act Advisory Statement Release Form and 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 submitted in one application package. Complete application package must include the following:

1. Privacy Act Advisory Statement and Release Form;
2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
3. Biographical Questionnaire;
4. Current resume;
5. 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;
6. Current official transcript with the school’s seal and/or signature of an authorized school official (preferably through the most recent quarter/semester);
7. Letter of recommendation from a high school counselor;
8. Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, community leader, or employer; and,
9. A signed and dated application (including the signature of the parent or guardian 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 scholarship program:

Degree Program	Concentration
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Agribusiness
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communication
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Biotechnology
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Environmental Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences	Food and Animal Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences	Foods and Nutritional Sciences

Application Deadline

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 15, 2020** 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

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.

PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with this request for information. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements for this Act, please be advised:

1. Furnishing the information requested is voluntary.
2. The data will be used for selection of TSU 1890 Farm Bill Scholarship Program, printing certificates, and related activities.
3. The data is maintained in a privacy act system as defined by National Archives and Records Administration under the Office of Management and Budget.
4. Failure to complete this form will mean you cannot be included among those candidates being considered for designation as a TSU 1890 Farm Bill Scholar.

I, _____ understand that I am a candidate for the **Tennessee State University 1890 Farm Bill Scholarship Program**, have read the Privacy Act Advisory Statement, and affirm my wish to be considered. In the event I am selected as a Scholar, permission is hereby given for the release of materials submitted by me for the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Tennessee State University as deemed appropriate for purposes of the scholarship program.

I further consent to the release of photographs that may be taken of me, by or for the U.S. Department of Agriculture or **Tennessee State University**. I am (check one): ____ willing
____ unwilling to appear on radio and/or television if such arrangements are made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or **Tennessee State University**.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Original signatures only. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Candidate’s Biographical Questionnaire (Please Print)

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.

A. 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 _____

B. Education

Name of Current High 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.

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) will you pursue?

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

4. Have you made career decisions related to agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences or related disciplines? Yes No

If yes, please explain below:

C. 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)

D. Candidates Self-Assessment (*You may continue your answers on another sheet of paper, if needed*)

1. Please list your hobbies and how each plays a role in your personal development.
2. Describe activities in which you had a leadership role in your school or in your community.
3. Describe a recent experience that has given you a sense of satisfaction or pride.
4. Briefly discuss why have you chosen to study agricultural, or a related discipline.

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 Friday, May 15, 2020.

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Applicant's Authorization to Release Academic Information (for Counselor)

Applicant's Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a school must obtain signed authorization before it can release student information for use in this scholarship program. Permission is hereby given to school officials to release record and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program named above. *Note: If the applicant is a minor child, under the age of 18; parental or legal guardian signature is required.*

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant: If you have attended this school less than 2 years, you must copy this form and have your previous school also complete this form for you.

School Name _____

Address _____

City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number
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F. 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.

Note: If the applicant is enrolled in official college courses (i.e. dual degree), please submit an official transcript from the college as well.

Applicant’s Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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Counselor’s Printed Name

Counselor’s Signature

Date

This form along with the candidate’s official school transcript, SAT and/or ACT scores must be included in the application package. The complete application package(s) must be postmarked by **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

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College of Agriculture 1890 Farm Bill Scholarship Checklist

- I have read the eligibility requirements and meet all eligibility criteria.
- I am submitting an original application and transcript.
- I completed the candidate's biographical information section.
- I have included and signed the secondary school report from my high school counselor and explained the need to have all official transcripts with a seal.
- SAT and/or ACT scores are enclosed with this response.
- I have signed and dated the application (**original signature only**). If under the age of 18 years old, parents or guardians have signed my application.
- I have enclosed the 500-800-word essay.
- I understand that the full application package must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 15, 2020** for consideration for the TSU 1890 Farm Bill Scholars Program.