

California Agricultural Teachers' Association Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program Guidelines and Information

- I. To be eligible for these scholarships, each applicant must be:
 - a. A fifth year post-baccalaureate student who is completing teacher certification requirements, as of the following Fall or Spring, in a college or university that offers a program of study in agriculture teacher education;
 - b. Been accepted into a credential program with intentions to become an agriculture teacher;
 - c. Become a student member of CATA while student teaching.

- II. Each applicant must prepare an application and supporting documents and submit the completed package (the original and one photocopy) to the CATA office postmarked no later than May 15th (fall applicants) or November 15th (spring applicants). Any questions about the program may be addressed to this office.

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- III. The scholarship applications will be evaluated by CATA at Winter Governing Board and Summer Conference as scheduled.

- IV. Up to five applicants will be selected each semester to receive a \$500 scholarship to be used toward tuition and fees associated with being a university student preparing to be an agriculture teacher. Individuals student teaching more than one semester may reapply.

- V. Each applicant package submitted must include the following items in the order listed. Applications missing any information will be considered incomplete and will not be considered.
 - a. Completed copy of the "CATA Scholarship Application" form;
 - b. Description of the applicant's post high school leadership and service activities;
 - c. Essay (approximately 400 words) entitled "Why I Want to Teach Agriculture";
 - d. Resume;
 - e. Description of how you plan to finance your student teaching experience, include a specific budget that contains the following:

Expenses

- Housing
- Utilities
- Food
- Transportation
- Tuition
- Other (list)

Income

- Employment
- Assistance from Parents
- Other Scholarships
- Other (list)

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- f. Letter of support from the applicant's university advisor or supervising teacher educator;
- g. Letter of support from an agricultural education leader other than university faculty member (high school agriculture teacher; agriculture community leader who supports agricultural education at the local, state, or national level; etc.);
- h. Copy of the applicant's unofficial university transcripts (from all colleges/universities attended), undergrad work only;
- i. One photocopy of the entire application including all supporting documentation.

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California Agricultural Teachers' Association Scholarship Program Application Form

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Permanent Address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (including area code): _____

School Address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (including area code): _____

University you are attending for credential program: _____

University academic advisor: _____

University GPA (attach all unofficial college / university transcripts): _____

Please prepare responses to the following four items. Attach your responses, on separate sheets of paper, to your application.

- I. Leadership and Service Activities: Describe your involvement in post high school leadership and service activities in agricultural education organizations and other organizations. (The information may be in a tabular format.)
 - II. Essay "Why I Want to Teach Agriculture" In a carefully composed essay of approximately 400 words, describe why you have chosen to become an agriculture teacher.
 - III. Resume: Professional / education
 - IV. A brief summary of how you plan to finance your student teaching experience, include a specific budget of expenses and income.
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I certify that the information provided in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding. I further certify that my intentions after student teaching are to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the applicant is one of a maximum of five applications that may be submitted from our institution this year.

Signature of University Advisor/Teacher Educator: _____