

Due to PSO: 4/19/2021

## Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is led by students pursuing Master's and Doctorate degrees in the agricultural sciences. SAGES exists to promote leadership, to encourage the study of agricultural issues relevant to the State of New York, and to promote a better relationship between the Station and the surrounding communities. As scientists, SAGES members feel it is especially important to foster enthusiasm for agriculture at all levels and to promote awareness of the importance of agriculture in peoples' every-day lives. The Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship was founded in 2009 as a way for SAGES to give back to the communities that have contributed so much to the lives and educations of students at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and Cornell.

SAGES will award up to three "Advancement of Agricultural Studies" scholarships of at least \$750. Each will be awarded to a qualified graduating senior from an area high school who intends to pursue an advanced degree (Associates or Bachelors) in agriculture, defined as the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products.

The scholarship committee will accept applications from graduating seniors who are residents of or attend high school in the following eligible counties: **Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne**. Successful applicants must intend to enroll in a 2- or 4-year degree program in one of the agricultural sciences, including, but not limited to: food science, entomology, plant science, natural resources, animal science, agronomy, horticulture, dairy science, pre-veterinarian (livestock), agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, agricultural communications, agricultural education, or agricultural marketing. Applications will be evaluated for the following criteria: academic achievement, leadership experience, and the application essay demonstrating interest in the agricultural sciences. **Applications are due by April 30. Winner(s) will be notified by the end of May. If accepted, recipient(s) will need to fill out a W8/Q9 tax form. Recipient(s) will also need to show proof of enrollment in a degree program.**

### Scholarship Checklist:

- Official High School Transcript
- Application Questionnaire
- Personal Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Proof of Enrollment
- Signature on all pages of the application

Please send all completed application materials by mail or email (**PDF file type only**) to:

**SAGES Scholarship Committee**  
**c/o Martha Sudermann**  
**Cornell University-School of Integrative Plant Science**  
**Section of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology**  
**Barton Lab**  
**15 Castle Creek Dr.**  
**Geneva, NY 14456**  
**Email: mas835cornell.edu**

**Application for the Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship sponsored by:**

**The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station**

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**APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the specific area(s) of agriculture in which you intend to pursue an advanced degree:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Food Science             | Entomology                   | Plant Science               |
| Dairy or Meat Science    | Pre-veterinarian (Livestock) | Agricultural Communications |
| Agricultural Engineering | Animal Science               | Horticulture                |
| Agricultural Marketing   | Agricultural Education       | Agronomy                    |
| Agricultural Economics   | Agricultural Science         | Other: _____                |

List (in order of your preference) the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied and indicate whether or not you have been accepted at each school.

College and/ or University	Accepted?
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Please list extra-curricular activities (work, sports, music, clubs) in which you have participated while in high school. Note any leadership or other special responsibilities (use up to one extra sheet if needed):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

Please include your official high school transcript with your application. Transcripts may be mailed to the following address or scanned as a PDF and included with your electronic application:

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Cornell University-School of Integrative Plant Science  
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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please include one letter of recommendation from a person that can comment on your academic performance and/ or extracurricular activities in high school. The name, address, phone number, and relationship of the recommender to the applicant must be included in the recommendation. The letter of recommendation may be submitted via mail or emailed as a PDF directly from the recommender to the SAGES scholarship committee.

**PERSONAL ESSAY**

Write an essay on the following bullet points. Essays should be one page or less in length, typed in at least an 11 point font size, and margins should be at least 1". Double or single space is acceptable. If submitting your application electronically, use the PDF file format. **Include your name and signature on all pages of this application:**

- *Describe your interest in studying agriculture*
- *Describe the specific aspect of agriculture you want to study*
- *Explain why you chose that area of study*

The essay is **especially important** to the success of your application, so please be thoughtful in your response. You are encouraged to have someone review and proofread your essay before submission.

**PROOF OF ENROLLMENT**

Provide proof of enrollment in a qualifying 2- or 4-year degree program. This document typically can be obtained from your destined institution's registrar, and contains your Name, Degree Program, Start/End Dates of the Semester, Enrollment Status, and Course Credit Load. An acceptance letter is not proof of enrollment unless you also provide proof that you have accepted the offer.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***2021 SAGES Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship***

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is now accepting applications for the 2021 Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship. Members of SAGES include graduate students and post-doctoral associates of Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES). The Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship was established as a way to give back to local communities, help support interest in agricultural studies, and nurture future professionals.

SAGES established this scholarship in 2009, and since then has awarded a total of \$11,000 to local high school seniors who have shown leadership in the classroom, in their communities, and who have expressed a desire to pursue higher education in agriculture-related fields of study. Twenty-two exceptional students have been recipients of this scholarship. SAGES hopes to build upon this legacy by offering scholarship of at least \$750 for up to three deserving students from the Class of 2021.

The scholarship committee will accept applications from graduating seniors. Eligible applicants must be residents or attend high school in the following counties: **Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne.**

Successful applicants must be graduating high school seniors who intend to enroll in a 2 or 4-year degree program in the **agricultural sciences** or an **agriculturally related field** (examples are listed on the application). Eligible students can obtain application materials by emailing the chair of the SAGES Scholarship Committee, Ali Cala (arc285@cornell.edu), or from their high school guidance counselor. Applications are due by ~~April 23<sup>rd</sup>~~, **2021** and winner(s) will be notified by the end of May.