

The Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Scholarship

The Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Scholarship award is to promote the study of sustainable agriculture or forestry. Eligible applicants will be entering their Junior or Senior year of their collegiate agriculture or forestry studies, in a graduate program focused in agriculture or forestry or a nontraditional training center agriculture or forestry program in any of the upper mid-west colleges or universities or nontraditional training centers in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, or North Dakota. The successful applicant will be from the greater Rochester area which includes the counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha and Winona. This is a competitive scholarship and will be awarded on an objective, nondiscriminatory basis using the attached application form, the list of criteria contained therein and the advising professor recommendation.

The total scholarship award will be \$5,000 and may be split between several recipients. It is to be used for tuition, books, testing fees associated with the recipient's enrollment at their institution of higher learning.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.

Awards will be made payable to both the applicant and the University/ College/ Nontraditional Institution. Payments will be split into semester one and semester two.

Application deadline is May 1 annually. Applicants will be notified by June 1 annually. Checks will be mailed in time to meet enrollment deadlines posted at the university/college.

Scholarships will not be offered to the following individuals:

- Direct family members of the Knudsen, Flesche, Geppert families
- Rochester Area Foundation employees, trustees or family members of Rochester Area Foundation employees or trustees
- Scholarship committee members or direct family members of the scholarship committee

Criteria for the Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Scholarship

1. The student must be entering Junior or Senior year bachelor's studies in agriculture or forestry, a graduate student in agriculture or forestry, or a nontraditional student studying agriculture or forestry.
2. The student must be enrolled at one of the higher education institutions or non-traditional agriculture or forestry training centers in the upper mid-west.
3. All materials must be submitted by the deadline
4. Student must have a minimum cumulative GPA considered as passing by their institution
5. The advising professor must submit a letter of recommendation
6. Priority will be given to students active in agriculture outside of school
7. Priority will be given to students demonstrating financial need