

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the IAA Foundation's 2007 scholarship program is to provide scholarships to college students who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of exceptional scholastic ability and/or financial need. Applicants may have been the recipient of a previous IAA Foundation scholarship.

All applicants must meet these eligibility guidelines:

1. Must be a high school graduate or graduating in 2007.
2. Must be an Illinois Farm Bureau® member, spouse of member, or member's child.
3. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or community college.
4. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course of study.
5. Must be a resident of Illinois.
6. May not be a spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, or daughter-in law of an IAA Foundation Trustee or employee.

Applicants may apply for more than one, but only receive one, of the following scholarships. In addition to the above guidelines, specific requirements for each scholarship are listed below:

IAA Foundation General Scholarship (Eight \$750 scholarships and one \$1,100 scholarship to be awarded) Included in this category is one scholarship in the name of Fletcher A. Gourley and another in the name of Leonard Southwell. An additional \$1,100 scholarship in the name of Robert F. Rouse will be given, bringing the total number of general scholarships to nine. Major must be in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related field. One of the General Scholarships may be given to a qualified student majoring in foreign agricultural trade, international food policy, or training for a career as an agricultural trade attaché at any university, college, or community college in or outside of Illinois.

Dorothy and Wilhemine Ratermann Scholarship (12 – \$1,000 and 24 – \$750 scholarships awarded)

- Open to any major, recipients must be a son or daughter of an Illinois Farm Bureau member, and a resident of an Illinois county south of, and including, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, and Clark.

Robert F. Rouse Scholarship (Three \$1,100 scholarships awarded)

- Must be a resident of Lake County, Illinois.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must attend a post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois which may include an accredited junior college, community college, or trade school.
- Major must be in agriculture or its related fields or in nursing.

William J. Kuhfuss Memorial Scholarship (One \$1,200 scholarship awarded)

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must attend a post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois which may include an accredited junior college, university, community college, or trade school.
- Preference will be given to students from an agricultural background or working toward an occupation in or related to the field of agriculture.

Greg Carney Scholarship (One or two \$750 minimum scholarships awarded)

- Must attend University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) and major in agriculture.
- Must be actively involved in production agriculture in a family farm operation.
- Must be a current or former 4-H member.

Dale E. Butz Scholarship (One \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

The recipient of this scholarship will be a post-secondary student with a background in production agriculture who is majoring in agriculture, agribusiness, or an agriculture related field. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability and financial need.

Heartland NAMA Steven A Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship (At least one \$1,000 scholarship awarded) Must be a U.S. citizen. For junior or senior level student majoring in agriculture or agribusiness at an Illinois college or university, who is interested in a career in agriculture marketing,

sales, or communications. **Applicants must also submit an essay of no more than 250 words on Why I want a Career in Agriculture.**



In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting recipients:

1. Scholarship
 - Academic performance and honors
 - Rank in class
 - ACT score or SAT score
2. Demonstrated interest in agriculture and agribusiness (except Ratermann Scholarship)
3. Financial need
4. Evidence of self-help (How the student is contributing financially to his/her education)
5. Character and personality
 - Maturity
 - Industriousness and motivation
 - Intellectual interest
 - Moral character
 - Demonstrated leadership

IMPORTANT

You are responsible for including the following items with your application. If one or more documents are missing, your application may be disqualified. Transcripts and/or reference letters may be mailed separately, if necessary. High school transcript is required for all applicants, whether a high school senior or college student.

- Official High school transcript
- Official Community college/college transcript
- Professional goals (Section 4)
- Student statement (Section 6)
- Two reference letters (Section 7)

APPLICATIONS AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 2, 2007 to be considered. Mail to:

Steve Newman, Executive Director
IAA Foundation
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions regarding the application or scholarship program, please contact me or Carol Harms-Garman at (309) 557-2230, or charms-garman@ilfb.org.

Sincerely,



Steve Newman, CAE
Executive Director

MAJORS

Agricultural and forest production units reach far beyond the traditional farm managers and ranch owner/operators. Producers now take advantage of the integrated inputs of science, educators, business representatives, and natural resource managers to create a diverse workforce.

A101	Agricultural Production	A109	Entomology	A117	Livestock Nutrition
A102	Agronomy	A110	Equine Science	A118	Natural Resources
A103	Animal Science/Production	A111	Floriculture	A119	Plant Sciences
A104	Apiculture	A112	Fruit Production	A120	Swine Production
A105	Beef Production	A113	General Agriculture	A121	Turfgrass Management
A106	Conservation (soil/water)	A114	Horticulture	A122	Vegetable Production
A107	Crop & Soil Science/Mgmt.	A115	Irrigation	A123	Viticulture
A108	Dairy Cattle Production	A116	Landscape/Lawn Mgmt.	A124	Other

Computerized information management has necessitated growth in agricultural communication and education specializations. Combined with a strong emphasis on business communications, writers, broadcasters, science editors, environmental public relations, technical relations, technical consulting and industrial educators provide an important component in the business structure.

B201	Agricultural Communications/Public Relations	B203	Agricultural Journalism
B202	Agricultural Education	B204	Other

Professionals who support an agricultural foundation with expertise in management, finance, accounting and/or statistics are included in this cluster. Agribusiness financial managers, planners, government program managers, accountants, and human resource managers.

C301	Agricultural Business Mgmt.	C305	Finance	C309	Retail/Restaurant Management
C302	Ag Economics/Agribusiness	C306	Food Management	C310	Supply Chain Management
C303	Business/Management	C307	Food Service Management	C311	Other
C304	Farm Management	C308	Logistics		

Utilizing a broad array of scientific and business management tools, graduates placed in this cluster use a wide range of agricultural and natural resource backgrounds and have an interest and understanding of marketing and merchandising. Sales and marketing representatives of plant protection products, seeds, fertilizers, forest products and lawn, garden and nursery products are a few examples of careers in this cluster. Grain merchandisers, market analysts, and purchasing agents would also be careers in this cluster.

D401	Agricultural Marketing	D403	Transportation
D402	Sales/Marketing	D404	Other

This group includes professional problem-solvers dealing with environmental challenges and is focused on assuring a safe, nutritious, and economical food supply. Careers are found in many types of industries, but primarily support research-oriented agendas. Bioprocess engineers, food process engineers, plant geneticists, forest scientists, animal reproductive physiologists, and horticulture scientists find positions throughout universities, government laboratories, and privately-operating research programs.

E501	Agricultural Engineering	E508	Dairy Food Technology	E515	Pre-Veterinary
E502	Agricultural Mech/Systems Mgmt	E509	Dairy Science	E516	Product Development/Packaging
E503	Agricultural Science/Technology	E510	Engineering	E517	Seed Technology
E504	Animal Nutrition	E511	Environmental Science	E518	Soil/Water Conservation
E505	Biological Engineering	E512	Food Science/Technology	E519	Wildlife Management
E506	Biological Sciences	E513	General Science	E520	Other
E507	Computer Systems Technology	E514	Meat Science		

Public interest in environment, outdoor recreation activities, and safe and nutrition foods are principal factors that will generate most social service positions. These careers require educated individuals involved in the inspection process to utilize sophisticated instruments and inspection procedures. Nutritionists, dieticians, regional and community planners, and land-use specialists have highly valued professional positions in the social service area.

F601	Hospitality	F602	Nutrition Science	F603	Other
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G701	Agricultural Parts/Aftermarket Sales	G704	Custom Application Technology
G702	Automotive	G705	Welding
G703	Aviation	G706	Other
H801	Non agriculture related	H802	Nursing



2007 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Office Use Only	
HS Trans	_____
COL Trans	_____
Goals Stmt	_____
Personal Stmt	_____
References	_____
Postcard	_____
App#	_____

Please type or print neatly.

Date _____

SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ SS Number _____

Home Address _____ Town + Zip _____

Home County _____ Phone (____) _____

Parent or Student's Farm Bureau Membership # _____ E mail _____

Student's Address _____ Town + Zip _____
(if not living at home)

High School Attended _____ Year Graduated _____

Community College Attended _____ Year Graduated _____

College or University Attending or Accepted _____

Major/Probable Major/Minor				
	Code	Description	Code	Description

What is the name and address of your local newspaper? _____

How did you hear about this scholarship program? _____

Parents' Names _____

Parents' Occupations _____

Scholarship you are applying for. (While you may receive only one of the following awards, you may be eligible for more than one.) Check selection(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/> IAA Foundation General Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Scholarships
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert F. Rouse Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> William J. Kuhfuss Memorial Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Carney Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Dale E. Butz Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Heartland NAMA Steven A. Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship (include essay)	

SECTION 2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Enclose original transcripts)

What was your high school GPA? _____ (Check one: 4.0 scale 5.0 scale Other _____)

High school class rank? _____ / _____

What was your composite ACT score? _____ SAT score? _____

Community college GPA? _____ Current overall GPA if enrolled at a post-secondary school? _____

What high school/college academic honors have you received? _____

SECTION 3. ACTIVITIES

List agricultural or other clubs to which you belong(ed). Indicate offices held, position of leadership, and activities in which you participate(d). Please categorize by the following: High School, College, Ag-related (4-H, FFA, etc.), Non-ag related. (Attach additional page, if necessary.)

List church, civic, or community activities. (Attach additional page, if necessary.)

Briefly summarize your experience in agriculture/agribusiness, or in other fields, if applicable. (Attach additional page, if necessary.)

SECTION 4. PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Please attach a one-page maximum, typewritten explanation of your professional goals and objectives as well as the contributions you expect to make to agriculture/agribusiness (if applicable) and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals. Include an explanation of how your work experience relates to your future goals.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

Since financial need is one factor in selecting the recipient of an IAA Foundation scholarship, the following information is critical to the Trustees in their deliberations. The information is strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees designees and Executive Director. It is very important that you answer each question.

Please break down, by percentage or dollar amount, how your education will be financed:

Student	_____ %	<u>OR</u>	\$ _____
Parents	_____ %		\$ _____
Scholarships	_____ %		\$ _____
Grants	_____ %		\$ _____
Gifts	_____ %		\$ _____
Loans	_____ %		\$ _____
Other *	_____ %		\$ _____
	100 %		

It is very important that your financial information is complete and accurate.

*Please describe: _____

Describe/explain the source of funds for the portion (% or \$) of the financing which will be the responsibility of the student. (Example: work, savings, etc.)

Do you have a scholarship or tuition waiver for the 2007-08 school year? Yes No
If yes, please complete the following:

Name of Scholarship or Waiver	Value?
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you applied for any other type of financial assistance? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

Do you have any other sources of income? Yes No If yes, please describe:

Do you have any debts? Yes No If yes, please detail amount and description of debts:

Approximate amount in applicant's savings, checking account, cash, investments? _____

Marital status: Single Married # Dependents _____ Ages _____

Name of spouse _____ Occupation _____

Number of brothers and/or sisters in college? _____

SECTION 6. PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, explain why the scholarship committee should select you for a scholarship.

SECTION 7. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please submit two original character reference letters with this application. References may not be relatives of the applicant. If letter of recommendation is from a school faculty member or administrator, it must be on school letterhead.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and complete.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

**IMPORTANT: APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 2, 2007.**