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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AND APPLIED SCIENCES

SAAS 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program (High School)

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences SAAS 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program. The purpose of the program is to support the recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring and training of undergraduate students pursuing studies in the food and agricultural sciences. The scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue, and complete, baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences that will lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and demonstrated community service. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides up to \$10,000 an academic year that can be applied towards tuition, books and software, room and board for up to four years to selected students accepted or already enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Applied at Alcorn State University.

Selection Criteria

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Have been accepted into an academic major in the areas of food, agriculture and natural resources offered by the School of Agriculture and Applied at Alcorn State University.
3. Will be enrolled at Alcorn State University in the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences academic major of interest no later than one year after the date of acceptance.
4. Intend to pursue a career in the food, agricultural or natural resource-related areas.
5. Have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 at the time of application and maintain at least a 3.0 each semester while receiving the scholarship.
6. Have a combined Math/Verbal SAT score of 1030- 1050 or a composite score of 20 or more on the ACT.
7. Be enrolled as a full-time student in a School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences academic major, which is defined as being registered for a minimum of 12 hours each semester, in courses outlined in the respective program of study and approved by the student's academic advisor.

Required Documents

In addition to the above criteria, the following application documents are required from high school applicants:

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 words, 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 high school counselor;
8. Letter of recommendation from high school teacher; and
9. Signed and dated application (including the signature of a parent or guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18).

Eligible Majors

The School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences offers the following baccalaureate degree programs and concentrations, which comprise the eligible majors for this scholarship:

Degree Program	Concentrations/Cognates
1. Agricultural Economics	N/A
2. Agribusiness Management	N/A
3. Agriculture Sciences	Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Forestry, General Agriculture, Biotechnology, Agricultural Education, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences
4. Human Development and Family Science	N/A
5. Food, Nutrition and Community Health Sciences	N/A
6. Applied Sciences	Only Geospatial Engineering Technology

Application Deadline

All applications materials must be postmarked no later than **March 01, 2022** and sent to the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences:

Office of Student Services
1000 ASU Drive #690
Alcorn State University Lorman,
MS 39096

or

AgStudentServices@alcorn.edu

Selection Process

The selection process consists of a holistic review of the applicant's total packet. Any application packet with missing items will not be reviewed.

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 SAAS Scholars 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 this scholarship.

I, _____ . understand that I am a candidate for the **Alcorn State University SAAS 1890 Scholars 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 Alcorn 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 and Alcorn 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 Alcorn 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, interests and 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 while performing their duties.

A. Biographical Information

Legal Name

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Sex _____ Male _____ Female _____ A# _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

U.S. Citizen _____ Yes _____ No _____ Race _____ Black _____ White _____ Hispanic _____ Other _____

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) _____

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 four 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: _____

Other Related Discipline/Unlisted Major (please identify):

Note: All academic disciplines may not be available at every 1890 land-grant university. Check the university's academic offerings before applying.

4. Have you made career decisions related to agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences or related disciplines?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain below:

5. Will you be staying on campus? Yes No

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 four years (including summer employment.)

Volunteer or Paid Positions	Employer/Organization	Date of Service or Employment	Hours per Week	Special Award(s)

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

Print Name (Parent or Legal Guardian)

Note: If the applicant is younger than age 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 March 01, 2022.

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

Applicant's Full Name

Last First Middle Suffix

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 the student's record and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program named above. *Note: If the applicant is younger than age 18, a parent or legal guardian's signature is required.*

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant: If you have attended this school less than two 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 _____

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 **Tuesday, March 01, 2022.**

**Alcorn State University SAAS 1890 Scholars Program
Secondary School Report School Teacher Assessment Report**

The application for Alcorn State University's SAAS 1890 Scholars Program requires a carefully considered character and ability assessment by a teacher who knows the student well, including a summary of other teachers' opinions of the student.

A. Applicant's Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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B. Teacher's Name

Last	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix
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Address	Phone Number
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C. Length of Relationship _____

D. Considering this student's interests, work habits and life goals, what is your assessment of this student's motivation and ability to take advantage of the opportunities available in college? Please give reasons for your assessment.

E. What special features are a part of your school’s curriculum (e.g., Advanced Placement and honors courses, college study, and independent study)? Has the student taken advantage of the most challenging opportunities your school has to offer?

F. Has the student shown exceptional talent or originality in agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences, and/or other related disciplines?

Yes No

Please explain:

G. Sometimes, special circumstances should be considered when evaluating a student’s achievement records and test scores. If, in your opinion, this student may have been disadvantaged by any such circumstances, please specify. ***Note: Additional pages may be attached if needed.***

H. Indicate comments made by teachers about the student relative to the following:

1. Participation in discussion:

- Always involved, often initiates discussion
- Occasionally participates
- Seldom participates
- Not applicable

2. Involvement in classroom activities:

- Active, usually shows genuine interest
- Mild, politely attentive
- Unenergetic
- Seldom participates

3. Pursuit of independent study:

- Considerable study and major project(s)
- Some study and minor project(s)
- No evidence of independent study
- Not applicable

4. Evenness of performance:

- Even, varies no more than one mark
- Slightly uneven
- Uneven, often carries two marks
- Erratic fluctuates greatly
- Inadequate opportunity to observe

5. Critical and questioning attitude:

- Often challenges
- Occasionally probes
- Rarely questions
- Not applicable

6. Depth of understanding:

- Excellent insight
- Good understanding
- Some insight
- Little understanding
- Not applicable

7. Personal responsibility:

- Always accepts fully
- Usually accepts fully
- Sometimes refuses
- Often refuses

8. Consideration for others:

- Always considerate of others' rights and feelings
- Usually considerate
- Sometimes inconsiderate
- Often inconsiderate

9. Population of the community in which your school is located:

- Less than 500
- 500-1,500
- 1,500-5,000
- 5,000-25,000
- 25,000-100,000
- Over 100,000

10. What economic or social conditions characterize the community and most of the parents of the children in your school?

- Rural farming area
- Small city
- Large city
- Metropolitan area
- Other _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Date _____

This form and the candidate's transcript and SAT and/or ACT scores must be included in the student's application package. The complete application packages must be postmarked by **Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

**Alcorn State University SAAS 1890 A Scholars Program
Application 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 included the signed School Teacher Assessment.
- I have signed and dated the application (**original signature only**). If younger than age 18, parents or guardians have signed my application.
- I have enclosed the essay, 500-800 words.
- I understand that the full application package must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, **March 01, 2022**, for consideration for Alcorn State University's SAAS 1890 Scholars Program.