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**CAAS 1890 Scholars Program**

**Application**

**(College/Transfer Level)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for your interest in Alcorn State University College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences CAAS 1890 Scholars Scholarship 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 College 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. Be currently enrolled in 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. Transfer students must be enrolled at Alcorn State University in the College 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. Be enrolled as a full-time student in a College 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 students and approved by the student’s academic advisor.

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**Required Documents for College/Transfer Application**

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. Biographical questionnaire;
3. Current resume;
4. Current unofficial transcript;
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. Two letters of recommendation (one from either the dean, department chairs or advisor and the other one from a faculty member); and
7. Signed and dated application (including the signature of a parent or guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18).

**Eligible Majors**

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

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| **Degree Program** | **Concentrations/Cognates** |
| 1. Agricultural Economics | N/A |
| 1. Agribusiness Management | N/A |
| 1. Agriculture Sciences | * Animal and Pre-Veterinary Science * General Agriculture and Agriculture Education * Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences * Plant, Soil, and Horticultural Sciences * Biotechnology * Animal/Poultry Science (3+1) with Mississippi State University |
| 1. Human Development and Family Science | N/A |
| 1. Food, Nutrition and Community Health Sciences | N/A |
| 1. Applied Sciences | Geospatial Engineering Technology **(Only)** |

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**Application Deadline**

All applications materials must be postmarked no later than **April 1,** **2024,** and sent to the attention

of:

Alcorn State University

College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences or AgStudentServices@alcorn.edu

Office of Student Services

1000 ASU Drive #690

Lorman, MS 39096-7500

**Selection Process**

The selection committee reviews the applicant’s total packet. **Any application packet with missing items**

**will not be reviewed.**

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**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 CAAS Scholars Scholarship 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**

**CAAS 1890 Scholars Scholarship Program**, have read the Privacy Act Advisory Statement, and affirm my wish to beconsidered. 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.***

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**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. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No | Race: \_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_ |

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Education**

Name of College/University\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GPA (**on a 4.0 unweighted scale**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you residing on or off campus? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***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.

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| Name of school | Location (City & State) | Dates of Attendance |
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1. List any advanced or special program, courses or summer courses you have taken. List the most recent course or program first.

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| Course or | Name of | Address | Dates of | Hours per Week |
| Program | School |  | Attendance |  |
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3. What course of study (major) will you pursue? List concentration where applicable.

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain below:

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**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.)

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| Activity | Dates of | Office(s) Held | Special Award(s) |
|  | Participation |  |  |
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Have you received any other scholarships? If so, what was the amount? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. List volunteer and paid positions you have held in the past four years (including summer employment.)

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| Volunteer or | Employer/Organization | Date of Service or | Hours | Special Award(s) |
| Paid Positions |  | Employment | per |  |
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1. **Essay**

Submit an essay of 500 – 800 words, describing your interest and intent to pursue a career in food and agricultural sciences or related fields.

**(*You may provide your essay below or you may attach a typed copy of your essay to the application*)**

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**Signatory Page**

**Final Note:** Please review your application to ensure you have answered all questions completely and submitted **All** required documentation. Proofread, spellcheck, and edit your responses for accuracy.

**Certification**

I certify that I 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.

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Print Legal Name

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

Signature

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Date

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**Alcorn State University**

**CAAS 1890 Scholars Scholarship Program**

**Application Checklist**

* I have read the eligibility requirements and meet all eligibility criteria.
* I am submitting an original application, resume, and transcript to Alcorn State University College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.
* I have applied for admission or am currently enrolled at Alcorn State University.
* I have read and completed the Candidate’s Biographical Information section.
* I have enclosed two letters of recommendation from the following:

1. Department dean, chair or advisor
2. College professor who has served as an instructor in one of my courses

* I have enclosed a 500 – 800 word essay on the topic provided.
* I have signed and dated the application (***original signature only***).
* I understand that the application package must be postmarked no later than **April 1, 2024** for consideration for the Alcorn State University CASS 1890 Scholars Scholarship Program.

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