

Southeastern Food Processors Association 2017 FOOD SCIENCE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship

One \$2,000.00 scholarship will be offered to a student selected from applicants from University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, North Carolina State University, Clemson University, University of Alabama, Virginia Tech students. The student must be majoring in Food Science, Packaging Science, Culinary Science or other Agriculture food related majors and plan on going into the Food Industry.

If the scholarship committee feels no student fulfills the requirements, scholarships may not be given.

Awards

The SFPA Scholarship will be paid to the university's Financial Aid Office of the recipient's university. Upon receiving the payment, we will ask the Financial Aid Officer to verify registration of the Scholarship awardees. Or the Scholarship may be paid to the scholarship recipient. Upon receiving the payment, we will ask the recipient to provide invoices showing funds are used for tuition, books, etc.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the program is to encourage undergraduate students to continue to pursue a curriculum leading to a B.S. in Food Science, Packaging Science, Culinary Science or other Agricultural food related majors.

Eligibility Requirements

Age, gender, race, religion, national origin or financial needs are not conditions of eligibility for the award.

Specific eligibility requirements for the award are as follows:

1. Must be going into junior or senior year of an approved program in Food Science, Packaging Science, Culinary Science or other Agriculture food related major.
2. Must have carried a 2.5 or better GPA average.

Application procedures for students

1. All applications require that grades for completed courses be 2.5 or better GPA average.
2. Write a brief letter indicating what roll the student sees him/herself playing in the food industry after graduation.
3. Write an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue confronting the food industry today or in the future and offer your solutions.
4. Applicants should cite all activities that demonstrate leadership qualities and intellectual growth.
5. Provide a letter of recommendation from the department head and a faculty member.
6. The SFPA office must receive all applications by **June 1, 2017**.

Special Notes

1. If an awardee withdraws from school or transfers to another major during the term of the Scholarship, the unused balance of the award must be returned to the SFPA Scholarship fund.
2. There are no scholarship renewals. Each student must apply each year.
3. Scholarship recipients are asked to attend the SFPA Convention.

Selection Process

1. An SFPA scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior attending one of the listed universities.
2. The student must be majoring in Food Science, Packaging Science, Culinary Science or other Agriculture food-related majors.
3. The award of these Scholarships will be based on the following:
 - a) Scholastic: Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better based on a 4.0 scale.
 - b) Career Goals & Work Experience: Applicants should be planning a career associated with the food/agriculture industry.
 - c) Brief letter indicating what role the student sees him/herself playing in the food/agriculture industry after graduation.
 - d) Essay of 750 words or less describing an issue confronting the food industry today or in the future and offer solutions.
 - e) Activities: Applicants should cite all activities that demonstrate leadership qualities and intellectual growth.
 - f) Financial needs will not be a consideration for this award.
4. The recipients may re-apply for future grants but will be considered on an equal basis with other applicants for that year.
5. The Scholarship Committee will select the recipient(s).

Selection Submissions:

 - a) Essay 30%
 - b) Clarity of expression, spelling and grammar 20%
 - c) Persuasiveness 10%
 - d) Originality of thought or topic 10%
 - e) Accuracy of information 10%
 - f) Intent letter, recommendations and other required submissions 20%

The evaluation will be according to the personal opinion of the association's panel of judges.
6. The recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA with a minimum course load of 12 units per semester (or equivalent) and remain in good academic standing during the tenure of the Scholarship.

Notification

The awarded applicant and the University will be notified of the recipient.
A written acceptance from the successful recipient must be sent to the SFPA office.

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SOUTHEASTERN FOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline, June 1, 2017

Personal Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School Information

University Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Enrolled in course of study _____ junior _____ senior _____

Department Head _____ Phone _____

Required Supplemental Information

Provide an official transcript of all your grades from university work completed to date

Provide a summary of the proposed courses you will take next year

Write a brief letter indicating what role you see yourself playing in the food industry after graduation

Write an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue confronting the food industry today or in the future and offer your solutions

Explain past activities that demonstrate your leadership qualities and intellectual growth

Provide 2 letters of academic recommendation

I certify that all information provided with this application is true and correct

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Your application must be completed in full and received no later than June 1, 2017.

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