

**Application for the Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship sponsored by:
The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station**

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is led by students pursuing Master's and Doctorate degrees in the agricultural sciences. SAGES exists to promote leadership, to encourage the study of agricultural issues relevant to the State of New York, and to promote a better relationship between the Station and the population of the city of Geneva and surrounding communities. Members have an expressed interest in the advancement of the agricultural sciences through research, outreach, extension, and education. As young scientists, SAGES members feel it is especially important to foster enthusiasm for agriculture at all levels and to promote awareness of the importance of agriculture in peoples' every-day lives. The Advancement of Agricultural Studies Scholarship was founded in 2009 as a way for SAGES to give back to the communities that have contributed so much to the lives and educations of students at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and Cornell.

The SAGES will award up to two \$500 "**Advancement of Agricultural Studies**" scholarships. Each will be awarded to a qualified graduating senior from an area high school who intends to pursue an advanced degree (Associates or Bachelors) in agriculture, defined as the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products. Graduating seniors attending high schools that serve the towns and cities of **Geneva, Penn Yan, Rushville, Romulus, Ovid, Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Lansing, Newfield, Dundee, Groton, Southern Cayuga, Aurora, Union Springs, Montour Falls, Watkins Glen, Phelps, Clifton Springs, Trumansburg, Dryden, and Ithaca** are eligible. Successful applicants must intend to enroll in a 2- or 4-year degree program in one of the agricultural sciences, including, but not limited to: food science, entomology, plant science, animal science, agronomy, horticulture, dairy science, pre-veterinarian (livestock), agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, agricultural communications, agricultural education, or agricultural marketing. Applications will be evaluated for the following criteria: academic achievement, leadership experience, and the application essay demonstrating interest in pursuing a career involving the agricultural sciences. **Applications are due by April 30th, 2014. Winner(s) will be notified by the end of May 2014. If accepted, recipient(s) will need to fill out a W8/Q9 tax form. Recipient(s) will also need to show proof of enrollment in degree program.**

Scholarship Checklist:

- Official High School Transcript
- Application Questionnaire
- Personal Essay
- Signature on all pages of the application

Please send all completed application materials by mail or email to:

SAGES Scholarship Committee
c/o Carmen Wickware
Dept. of Food Science
630 W. North St.,
Geneva, NY 14456
sages-1@cornell.edu

DEADLINE: Friday, April 30, 2014

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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____ Email: _____

Circle the specific area(s) of agriculture in which you intend to pursue an advanced degree:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Food science | Entomology | Plant science |
| Dairy science | Pre-veterinarian (Livestock) | Agricultural communications |
| Agricultural engineering | Agricultural economics | Animal science |
| Agricultural marketing | Agricultural education | Other: _____ |

List (in order of your preference) the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied, and indicate whether or not you have been accepted at each school.

College and/ or University	Accepted?
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Please list extra-curricular activities (work, sports, music, clubs) in which you have participated while in high school. Note any leadership or other special responsibilities (use up to one extra sheet if needed):

Signature: _____

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RECOMMENDATION

Please include one letter of recommendation from a person that can comment on your academic performance and/ or extracurricular activities in high school. The name, address, phone number, and relationship of the recommender to the applicant must be included in the recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be submitted via mail or email directly from the recommender to the SAGES scholarship committee.

PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate piece of paper, respond to the following in **one page** or less. Essays should be typed in Calibri font of at least an 11 point size and margins should be at least 1". Double or single space is acceptable. Please **type** your response and **include your name and signature on all pages of this application:**

Describe how you became interested in a career relating to agriculture, what this career is, and explain how an advanced degree in this field will help you achieve your career goals. Be sure to indicate which aspect of the agricultural sciences you are interested in studying, and if you circled "other" on the first page of the application, be sure to explain in your essay how this field is related to agriculture. Please also explain how a career in your chosen field will positively impact the broad discipline of agriculture.

The essay is **especially important** to the success of your application, so please be thoughtful in your response. You are encouraged to have someone review your essay before submission.

Signature: _____