

1890 Scholarship Program Application

Recommendation Packet



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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the WVSU 1890 Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to support the recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring and training of undergraduate students pursuing studies in food, agricultural sciences and natural resources (FANR). The scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue, and complete, baccalaureate degrees in FANR that will lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors, transfer and current students who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and demonstrated community service. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides full or partial support covering tuition, fees, books, room and board for up to four years to selected students accepted or already enrolled at West Virginia State University.

WVSU offers the following four baccalaureate degree programs and options/concentrations, which comprise the eligible majors for this scholarship:

- Bachelor of Science in Biology – Plant and Soil Science Option
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry – Applied Chemistry Option
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Agribusiness Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics – Agricultural Economics Concentration

The following application documents are required from high school applicants:

- Privacy Act Advisory Statement and Release Form;
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to WVSU (our school code is: **003826**);
- Biographical Information section (part of the application);
- **Two letters of recommendation** from high school counselors/teachers (high school seniors) or academic advisor/instructors/professors (university or 2-year college) to pursue these options and concentrations;
- 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 (part of the application); and
- Signed and dated application (including the signature of a parent or guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18).

Application Deadline

Applications for scholarships will be considered on a rolling basis. As soon as all required documents are received, completed applications will be evaluated for scholarship eligibility. All applications materials should be sent to the attention of:

Dr. J. Ulises Toledo
West Virginia State University
125 IREB
Institute, WV 25112-1000
Email: 1890scholarship@wvstateu.edu

Note: Recommendation Packet may be submitted to the address above by the recommending individual or provided directly to the applicant for submission.

Selection Process

The selection process consists of a holistic review of the applicant's total packet. As noted above, completed applications will be reviewed as received, and scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis.

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Applicant's Authorization to Release Academic Information (for counselor, teacher, instructor or professor)

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

West Virginia State University 1890 Scholarship Program Counselor, Teacher, Instructor or Professor Recommendation Form

The application for the WVSU 1890 Scholarship Program requires a carefully considered character and ability assessment by a counselor, teacher, instructor or professor who knows the student well, including a summary of other educators' opinions of the student.

Applicant's Full Name

Last First Middle Suffix

Educator's Name

Last First

Address

City State ZIP Code

Telephone Cell Work

Email Address

Length of Relationship

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 at WVSU? Please give reasons for your assessment.

What special features are a part of your institution'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 institution has to offer?

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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.**

Indicate comments made by educators about the student relative to the following:

Participation in discussion:

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

Personal responsibility:

Always accepts fully
Usually accepts fully
Sometimes refuses
Often refuses

Involvement in classroom activities:

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

Consideration for others:

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

Pursuit of independent study:

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

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

Evenness of performance:

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

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

Rural area
Small city
Large city
Suburban area
Metropolitan area
Other

Critical and questioning attitude:

Often challenges
Occasionally probes
Rarely questions
Not applicable

Depth of understanding:

Excellent insight
Good understanding, some insight
Little understanding
Not applicable

Educator's Signature

Date

Note: This form and all other application materials must be received for full consideration. Completed applications will be reviewed for scholarship awards on a rolling basis.