

1890 Scholarship Program Student Application



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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.

Selection Criteria

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

- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal resident
- Have been accepted into one of the four academic majors in the FANR areas offered by the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics or College of Business & Social Sciences
 - BS in Biology – Plant and Soil Science Option
 - BS in Chemistry – Applied Option
 - BS in Business Administration – Agribusiness Concentration
 - BA in Economics – Agricultural Economics Concentration
- Will be enrolled at West Virginia State University no later than one year after the date of acceptance
- Intend to pursue a career in the food, agricultural or natural resource-related areas
- 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
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in one of the four approved academic majors, 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 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)
- Provide two letters of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor, academic advisor, professor, FFA/4-H leader, employer, etc. that speak to your interest and abilities in pursuing a major and career in food, agricultural sciences or related fields
- 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)
- Signed and dated application (including the signature of a parent or guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18)

Eligible Majors

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 Option
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Agribusiness Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics – Agricultural Economics Concentration

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:

West Virginia State University
Attn: 1890 Scholarship Committee
103 Dr. Hazo W. Carter Jr. IREB
PO Box 1000
Institute, WV 25112-1000

Email: 1890scholarship@wvstateu.edu

Phone: (304) 204-4356

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.

Candidate's Biographical Questionnaire

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.

Biographical Information

Legal Name

Last First Middle

Preferred First Name

Gender Male Female Non-Binary Prefer Not to Answer

Permanent Address

City State ZIP Code

U.S. Citizen or U.S. Legal Resident? Yes No

Veteran Yes No

Ethnicity (check all that apply)

African American/Black Caucasian/White Mexican-American/Chicano/Latino
American Indian/Alaskan Native Hispanic Other
Asian Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

First Generation *(Refers to an individual whose parents do not have college degrees. If neither of your parents attended college at all, or if they took some classes but didn't graduate, you'll be considered a first-generation college student.)* Yes No

Telephone Cell Home

Email Address

Education

Name of Current School

Address

City State ZIP Code

Phone Number

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.

List any other schools (high schools, community colleges, college or universities) 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
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What course of major will you pursue?

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

Activities

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

Positions	Employer	Dates Employed	Hours Per Week	Special Award(s)
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Essay

Write a 500–800 word essay describing your interest and intent to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences or related fields. **You may provide your essay below or you may attach a type-written copy of your essay to the application.**

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

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

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.

Upon submission of application materials, a scholarship representative will follow-up at the email address listed in the application to confirm receipt.

How did you hear about the WVSU 1890 Scholars Program? (Select all that apply.)

Website

WVSU Admissions

Informational Session

Direct Mail/Email

WVSU Faculty or Staff

Other

Social Media

College Fair

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:

- Furnishing the information requested is voluntary
- The data will be used for selection of the WVSU 1890 Scholarship Program, printing certificates and related activities
- The data is maintained in a privacy act system as defined by National Archives and Records Administration under the Office of Management and Budget
- 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 **West Virginia State University 1890 Scholarship Program**, have read the Privacy Act Advisory Statement and affirm my wish to be considered. In the event that I am selected as a scholarship recipient, permission is hereby given for the release of materials submitted by me for the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and West Virginia 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 West Virginia 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 West Virginia State University.

Print Name

Signature

Date