



NATIONAL COTTONSEED PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The National Cottonseed Products Association Merit Scholarship provides scholarships for sons, daughters and/or legal guardians of NCPA members. Each scholarship is for \$1,000 for tuition, books, and/or room and board expenses. The scholarship is limited to use at an institution of higher learning that is accredited by recognized accreditation agencies and offers at least a degree upon completion of the course of study offered.

The scholarship is made possible through funds established by the Mississippi Valley Oilseed Processors Association and provides the NCPA with "...oversight authority as to the charitable, scientific and educational uses of annual accumulated income derived from the principal of the funds", the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association, and the NCPA.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants may be graduating high school students or be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University).
2. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal dependent of a representative NCPA member firm in good standing with the Association.
3. Students must support the preservation of agriculture in the U.S.
4. Students must be involved in school activities (i.e. FFA, Ecology Club, Science Club, Beta Club, Student Council, etc.).
5. Students must demonstrate ability as a leader among his or her peers.
6. Students must demonstrate community involvement (i.e. Scouting, 4-H, civic group or club, volunteer work).
7. Students must submit an essay and autobiography exhibiting dedication to agriculture (see application).
8. Three letters of recommendation must be attached to the application (i.e. teacher, counselor, community leader).
9. Applicants must submit a completed application to the NCPA office by **APRIL 15, 2012.** A sponsoring NCPA member's name and address should appear on the application in the box provided.

Employees of the NCPA and their family members are not eligible to participate in the program.



Selection Process:

1. High school/students will submit applicant names and qualifications on an official NCPA scholarship application, along with required attachments, to the Association office by **APRIL 15, 2012**.
2. NCPA's Scholarship Committee members will review student qualifications and select candidates that meet or exceed eligibility requirements.
3. NCPA's Scholarship Committee will forward the candidate's names to the NCPA Board of Directors, who will select the scholarship winner(s).

Scholarship Levels:

- Scholarship winner(s) will receive \$1,000. The number of winners will be based on funds available.

Disbursement of Funds:

Students may use their scholarship at any accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University). The money must be used for tuition, books, fees and housing. The NCPA will work with the student and the college financial aid officer in determining the payee when the check is issued. This will ensure the greatest benefit to the recipient and avoid violation of eligibility requirements. This is a one-time award for one year.

National Cottonseed Products Association, Inc.
Scholarship Program Application

(This application should be returned to the NCPA office no later than APRIL 15, 2012.)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ Telephone No. _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

College Preference _____

Major Study Area _____



List membership in school related organizations (i.e. Honor Society, FFA, Beta Club, Science Club, Ecology Club, Student Council, etc.) _____

List elected leadership positions held in high school/university: _____

List any activity that demonstrates community involvement (i.e. Scouts, 4-H, civic group or club, or volunteer work, etc.): _____

List job experience (i.e. after school, summer, etc.) _____

List any awards received for school or community involvement: _____

How did you learn about the NCPA's Scholarship Program? _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

TRANSCRIPTS: Copy of high school transcripts or most recent college report card.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE: Three letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders or clergy (do not include relatives). One MUST be from a current NCPA member.

PHOTO: Minimum wallet size, suitable for publication (recommend it be electronically submitted to bmorgan@cottonseed.com).

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Write a brief autobiography explaining why you will be a good investment if you are awarded this scholarship. Include any experiences and background which demonstrate your dedication to agriculture. Autobiography must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed two pages.

ESSAY: Write a brief essay describing why agriculture is important to you and/or your family. Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed two pages.

NOTE: You may attach additional sheets to application if needed. School Guidance Counselor or Principal must sign applications. Submit application and other materials no later than APRIL 15, 2012 to: **National Cottonseed Products Association, 866 Willow Tree Circle, Cordova, TN 38018.**

(Name and address of representative NCPA Member)

Name _____

NCPA Member Firm _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Guidance Counselor or Principal Signature

Name _____ Date _____