



# CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program

*At Delaware State University*

## Information Packet for online application submissions

*For paper submissions, please refer to **APPLICATION PACKET** link.*

*Only completed applications with supported documentation will be considered for review by the scholarship committee. To ensure that your application is complete, submit **ALL** supporting documents (i.e. transcripts, guidance/teacher recommendation, etc.) as one electronic file to: [DSUCAST1890Scholarship@desu.edu](mailto:DSUCAST1890Scholarship@desu.edu)*

*If a document cannot be sent electronically, please mail to:  
Dr. Alex D. Meredith, Delaware State University, 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover,  
DE 19901.*

*(Please be advised that **ANY** mailed documents postmarked **after** the deadline date will result in an incomplete application and will not be considered for review). **Applications and all supplemental documents Must Be received by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, April 21, 2021.***

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring and training of undergraduate students at Delaware State University, resulting in baccalaureate or graduate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences, and related fields. The scholarships are intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 land-grant institutions to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields that would lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program supports students at Delaware State University through scholarships as a catalyst to:

1. Increase the number of students who attain baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields; and
2. Support scholars who are intent on pursuing careers in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields to meet the technologically advanced needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century food and agricultural systems workforce.

### ***Examples of fields of study supported by this scholarship:***

#### *Agriculture*

- a. Agri-Business
- b. Agriculture Education
- c. Animal and Poultry Science
- d. Equine Business Management
- e. General Agriculture
- f. Plant Science
- g. Pre-Veterinary Medicine

#### *Natural Resources*

- a. Environmental Science
- b. Wildlife or Fisheries Management

### *Human Ecology*

- a. Dietetics
- b. Food Science
- c. Nutritional Sciences
- d. Textiles and Apparel Studies

## **AWARDS**

Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at Delaware State University. Each award is renewable each year for the term of the scholarship and provides full tuition, and room and board. The scholarship renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and academic progress toward the bachelor's degree.

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

### **Applicant must:**

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or nationalized citizen
- ✓ Have been accepted as a full-time student to **Delaware State University**, an 1890 Land-Grant University
- ✓ Intend to study and to pursue a career in agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences, or another related academic discipline
- ✓ Have a cumulative unweighted **GPA of 3.2 or better** (on a 4.0 scale) from high school, or as a minimum GPA upon transfer to DSU, and maintain this academic standard for the course of the scholarship
- ✓ Demonstrate leadership and community service

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Only completed application packages submitted by the deadline will be considered. All application materials must be submitted in one application package. Complete application packages must include the following:

- ✓ Signed and dated application including signature of parent of guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18
- ✓ Completed Biographical Questionnaire
- ✓ High School Counselor's Assessment Report in a sealed envelope (*HS Applicants only*)
- ✓ High School Teacher's Assessment Report in a sealed envelope (*HS Applicants only*)

- ✓ Submit the most recent official transcript with the school seal and/or the signature of an authorized school official
- ✓ Current resume (*College Applicants only*)
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation (*College Applicants only*)
- ✓ Submit a 500-800-word essay on one (1) of the following topics.
  - My interest in pursuing a career in agriculture, natural resources, or food and nutrition.
  - How I envision the scholarship will impact me personally and my future as a public servant.
  - My experiences and perceptions about agriculture, food sciences and natural resource sciences or other related disciplines as related to agriculture.
- ✓ Submit an original signed and dated application

**High School applicants** are responsible for obtaining the Assessment Reports from the High School Counselor and the High School Teacher. These Assessment Reports should be in a sealed envelope and included with the application package. All application materials must have original signatures and seals/stamps.

*Application materials containing photocopied signatures and transcripts will not be considered for the DSU – CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program.*

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, April 21, 2021** and sent to the DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program at Delaware State University.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

If selected, the student will be contacted by Dr. Dyremple Marsh, dean of the College of Agriculture, Science and Technology, or his representative.

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**Delaware State University  
1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program  
High School Applicants:**

*Applicant's Authorization to Release Academic Information (for counselor)*

Delaware State University (DSU) is an equal opportunity provider and employer. The above-named student is a candidate for the DSU 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program. To process this application, DSU will need:

An official secondary school transcript from the student's secondary school record which must contain a seal and signature of an authorized school official. Please note that only students with an **unweighted GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale** are eligible for the DSU 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program.

Thorough responses will greatly enhance your student's candidacy. This information will be used only-in connection with the selection of Scholars and will be seen only by qualified persons involved in the selection process.

Please delete all personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers and dates of birth from any supporting documentations.

For questions or more information about the DSU 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program, please contact **Dr. Alex Meredith, College of Agriculture, Science and Technology (CAST):** [ameredith@desu.edu](mailto:ameredith@desu.edu).

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**Delaware State University**  
**CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program**

*Secondary/Post-Secondary School Record (for counselor)*

The high school applicant’s official secondary school transcript (with seal and signature by an authorized official), including grades 9 through 12, must be returned with this section of the application. If the official transcript is not provided, the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship.

***Note: If the applicant is enrolled in official college courses (i.e. dual degree), please submit an official transcript from the college as well.***

Applicant’s Full Name

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Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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Counselor’s Printed Name

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Counselor’s Signature

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Date

***This form, along with the candidate’s official school transcript, must be included in the application package. The complete application package must be postmarked by **Wednesday, April 21, 2021.*****

**DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program**  
**Secondary School Report**  
**School Teacher Assessment Report**

The application for the DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program requires a carefully considered character and ability assessment by a teacher who knows the high school student well, including a summary of other teachers’ judgments of the student.

Applicant’s Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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**A. Name of Teacher**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix
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Address	Phone Number
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**B. Length of Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Considering this student’s interests, work habits, and life goals, what is your assessment as to whether the student will be motivated to take advantage of the opportunities available in college? Please give reasons for your assessment.**



**D.** What special features are a part of your school’s curriculum (e.g., AP and honors courses, college study, and independent study)? Has the student taken advantage of the most challenging opportunities your school has to offer?

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

**Yes**       **No**

Please explain in this section:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

**F.** 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.

*\*Additional pages may be attached if needed.\**

**G. Indicate comments made by teachers about the student relative to the following:**

- Participation in discussion:**
  - Always involved, often initiates discussion
  - Occasionally participates
  - Seldom participates
  - Not applicable
- Involvement in classroom activities:**
  - Active, usually shows genuine interest
  - Mild, politely attentive
  - Unenergetic
  - Seldom participates
- Pursuit of independent study:**
  - Considerable study and major project(s)
  - Some study and minor project(s)
  - No evidence of independent study
  - Not applicable
- Evenness of performance:**
  - Even, varies no more than one mark Slightly uneven
  - Uneven, often carries two marks
  - Erratic fluctuates greatly
  - Inadequate opportunity to observe
- 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
- Personal responsibility:**
  - Always accepts fully
  - Usually accepts fully
  - Sometimes refuses
  - Often refuses
- Consideration for others:**
  - Always considerate of others' rights and feelings
  - Usually considerate
  - Sometimes inconsiderate
  - Often inconsiderate
- 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
- What economic or social conditions characterize the community and most of the parents of the children in your school?**
  - Rural farming area
  - Industrial Small
  - Large city
  - Metropolitan area
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Signature**

**Date**

***This form and the candidate's transcript must be included in the student's application package.  
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## DSU 1890 Scholarships Application Checklist

- I have read the eligibility requirements and meet all eligibility criteria.
- I have applied to Delaware State University.
- I am submitting an original application and transcript to Delaware State University.
- I have completed the Candidate’s Biographical Information section.
- I have included and signed the Secondary School Report from my high school counselor and explained the need to have an official transcript with a seal. (*high school students only*)
- I have included the signed School Teacher Assessment. (*high school students only*)
- I have included my current resume (*college students only*)
- I have included two (2) letters of recommendation (*college students only*)
- I have signed and dated the application (**original signature only**).
- If under the age of 18 years old, parents or guardians have signed my application.
- I have enclosed the 500-800-word essay.
- I understand that the full application package must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 21, 2021 for consideration for the DSU – CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program.**

**For questions about completing application, please contact:**

**DSU – CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program**

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