



DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The College of Agriculture, Science and Technology (CAST) 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program at Delaware State University provides 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 funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 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 21st 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

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 3.0 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 or 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 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program scholarship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **Friday, June 19, 2020** and sent to the DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program. **UPDATE: *Electronic submission of supporting documentation is now available for teachers and school counselors. Please email required documents to: DSUCAST1890Scholarship@desu.edu***

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.

Applications Must Be Postmarked by Friday, June 19, 2020.

Note: The application may also be printed out and filled in by hand in black or blue ink only.

Candidate’s Biographical Questionnaire (Please Print)

The following questions are designed to collect information about your background, your interests, and your 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 are affiliated with scholarship management.

A. Biographical Information

Legal Name

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
Sex:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Permanent Address					
Street					
City		State		Zip Code	
US Citizen?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Telephone (Home)					
Telephone (Cell)		Email Address			

B. Education

Name of High School					
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		GPA (On a 4.0 unweighted scale)			
Name of College/University currently attending (if applicable)					
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		GPA (On a 4.0 unweighted scale)			

1. List any other schools that you attended in the last 4 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

2. List any advanced or special program, courses, or summer courses you have taken. List the most recent course or program first.

Course or Program	Name of School	Address	Dates of Attendance	Hours per Week

3. What course of study (major) will you pursue?

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Other Related Discipline/Unlisted Major (Please Identify):

Note: Check the University’s academic offerings before applying to confirm availability of your desired course of study.

4. Have you made career decisions related to agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences or related disciplines?

Yes No

If yes, please explain below:

C. Activities

1. 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)

2. List volunteer and paid positions you have held in the past 4 years (including summer employment).

Volunteer or Paid Positions	Employer/Organization	Date of Service or Employment	Hours per Week	Special Award(s)

D. Candidates Self-Assessment

1. Please list your hobbies and how each plays a role in your personal development.

2. Describe activities in which you had a leadership role in your school or in your community.

3. Describe a recent experience that has given you a sense of satisfaction or pride.

4. Briefly discuss why have you chosen to study agricultural, or a related discipline.

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 Signed:

Parent/Legal Guardian:

Print Name (Parent or Legal Guardian signature required if applicant is under the age of 18.)

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Date Signed:

Note: This form and all other application materials must be postmarked by **Friday, June 19, 2020.**

How did you hear about the DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program? (Select all that apply.)

College Fair(s):

Name of Event(s): _____

Informational Session:

Location: _____

Public Service Announcement:

Stations: _____

Direct Mail/E-mail:

Source of Communication: _____

DSU Employee:

Name of Employee(s): _____

Church or Place of Worship:

Name of Facility: _____

Website(s):

Name of Website(s): _____

Social Media:

Name of Site/App(s): _____

Delaware State University
DSU-CAST 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-CAST 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 3.0 on a 4.0 scale** are eligible for the DSU-CAST 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-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program, please contact ***Ms. Karen Holland, College of Agriculture, Science and Technology (CAST): 302.857.6400; kholland@desu.edu.***

Delaware State University
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Applicant's Authorization to Release Academic Information (for Counselor)

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 record and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program named above. *Note: If the applicant is a minor child, under the age of 18, parental or legal guardian signature is required.*

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant: If you have attended this school less than 2 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

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F. 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 attached to 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

Last

First

Middle

Suffix

Counselor’s Printed Name

Counselor’s Signature

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 **Friday, June 19, 2020**.

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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. The complete application package must be postmarked by **Friday, June 19, 2020**.

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DSU-CAST 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program 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 postmarked no later than **Friday, June 19, 2020** for consideration for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program.

For questions and to submit your completed application, please contact:

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