

Soy Scholarship



Online app

The application process for the Soy Scholarship 2018-19 academic year begins Sept. 11, 2017 and ends Nov. 20, 2017.

The 2018-19 Soy Scholarship is a \$5,000 one-time scholarship award presented to a current, eligible high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college or university. The scholarship is managed by the American Soybean Association (ASA) and is made possible through a grant by BASF Corporation.

The scholarship is awarded in \$2,500 increments (one per semester) for the 2018-19 school year. The student must maintain successful academic progress and be in good standing with the college or university to receive the full amount of the scholarship.

High school seniors may apply online Sept. 11 through Nov. 20, 2017. Final selection will be made in early December during the ASA Board meeting. The student will be notified mid-December, with an official announcement made during Commodity Classic in Anaheim, Feb. 27 – March 1, 2018.

In addition to the scholarship, BASF will provide the winner and one parent or guardian with a trip to attend Commodity Classic in Anaheim, California where they will receive special recognition at the BASF booth on Tuesday and the ASA Awards Banquet on Wednesday night of Commodity Classic. See below for specific scholarship requirements.

Scholarship Requirements

- Applicant is a HS Senior with a GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.00 scale.
- Applicant must be the child or grandchild of a current ASA member. Student's parent or grandparent must remain a current member throughout the tenure of the student's scholarship. Only one award per household for the duration of the life of the scholarship will be awarded.
- Applicant must plan to declare Agriculture (or discipline in the school of Agriculture) as an area of study at any accredited College or University of their choosing.
- Current High School transcript must be submitted. High School transcript can be official or unofficial but must show high school GPA scale.
- Applicant must submit most recent ACT and/or SAT standardized test score.
- Applicant must complete an essay of 500 words or less on this subject: *"What role will I play in the future of agriculture?"*
- Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation. One from an authority figure dealing directly with the student's academic progress such as HS Guidance Counselor, Ag teacher, Advisor, etc. and one personal recommendation letter, such as FFA advisor, pastor etc.
- Applicant must show demonstrated extra-curricular activities/leadership skills in agriculture activities.
- Applicant must achieve a college GPA of 2.5 or higher during their first semester of freshman year, and remain in good standing with the College or University to obtain the full scholarship. (GPA will be checked between semesters). Transfer credits do not apply toward the GPA requirement.

Selection Process & Scoring

Applicants fill out an online application between Sept. 11 through Nov 20, 2017, available on SoyGrowers.com.

- Eligible applicants will be scored by the below stated percentages.
- Scholarship winner will be selected in early December by a committee of ASA Board Members and the winner will be notified thereafter.
- The official public announcement of the winner will be made at Commodity Classic in Anaheim in March.

Selected Candidates Scoring

- 20% HS GPA and ACT/and or SAT standardized test score
- 20% Response to Essay Question
- 30% Extra-curricular/leadership activities related to agriculture
- 30% Two letters of recommendation (one academic, one personal)