

SOUTHWEST MEAT ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

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SMA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Overview

The SMA Foundation sponsors several scholarships at colleges or universities within the membership area of the Southwest Meat Association. Numbers and amounts of scholarships vary and are determined annually by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Some of the funds are granted directly to universities to be awarded through their internal processes. Others, including the Bob Ondrusek Memorial Scholarship, are awarded directly to recipients by the Foundation. Applicants for these scholarships submit applications directly to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, who serve as the selection committee.

One Bob Ondrusek Scholarship award of at least \$2,500 will be presented annually during Southwest Meat Association's Annual Convention. Additional scholarship awards of varying amounts are awarded at the discretion of the Board of Trustees depending on fund availability. Each recipient that attends the Convention will receive up to \$300 to offset travel costs associated with attending the Convention. Scholarship funds will be transferred through the university's Financial Aid Office of the recipient's institution prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

Eligibility Requirements

Recipients must meet all eligibility requirements contained herein, and be a current student or entering student at an accredited college or university (documentation of status will be required). Age, gender, race, religion or national origin are not conditions of eligibility for any SMA Foundation scholarship award.

Specific eligibility requirements:

1. Only students pursuing a degree in an approved program in Animal/Meat/Food Science or related Agricultural Engineering departments in an accredited educational institution are eligible. The SMA Foundation's Board of Trustees reviews and updates this list as conditions dictate.
2. All recipients must be enrolled in an approved program at the time the scholarship becomes effective (Fall Semester).
3. In the event an awardee withdraws from school or transfers to another major (other than those listed in 1 above) during the tenure of their scholarship, the unused balance of the award must be returned to the SMA Foundation.
4. A **2.5 GPA (A=4.0)** must be maintained for the first term of study after receipt of the scholarship, and the student must have the recommendation of a faculty member familiar with the recipient's work.
5. All students must remain enrolled full-time for two consecutive semesters (or equivalent) following the effective date of the scholarship (exceptions may be considered under special circumstances upon written request by the recipient).

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the attached application by typing or use a computer to replicate application form. Application criteria are weighted as indicated in parentheses. The Trustees of the SMA Foundation reserve the right to, in special situations, consider other criteria on a case-by-case basis if the situation warrants such action.

1. Prepare a typed 200 to 250-word essay outlining your career goals and the purpose for applying for the scholarship. Age, gender, race, religion, or national origin are not conditions of eligibility for the award.
2. Provide a summary of your work experience, especially as related to the commercial meat industry, university meat lab employment, and(or) other food processing related work experiences.
3. Provide a list of awards and honors received. Emphasis will be placed upon those received at the university level.
4. Provide a list of extracurricular activities that demonstrate intellectual growth, breadth of interests, talents and leadership qualities. **Also, provide a list of other scholarships the applicant has received or been selected to receive.**
5. Include a letter of recommendation signed by a faculty member or employer.
6. Enclose official transcript copies of all university work, or, in the case of entering freshmen, a high school transcript. Highlight your cumulative GPA. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale. If cumulative GPA is not automatically printed on transcript, please self-calculate and have a faculty member initial.

Applications must be *RECIEVED* by the Foundation no later than May 1. Submit applications to SMA Foundation, 9696 E SH 21, Suite 200, Bryan, TX 77808.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail no later than June 15. Written acceptance from each successful applicant must be received at the SMA Foundation office by July 1.

APPLICATION FORM

This completed application, along with all other necessary materials, should be submitted to the SMA Foundation, 9696 E SH 21, Suite 101, Bryan, TX 77808. **Submissions must be RECEIVED by May 1. Incomplete applications and late submittals will be cause for disqualification from consideration.**

Please Type

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address: _____

College/University Name _____

Department/Major _____

Class rank: Entering Freshman _____ Soph. _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Graduate Student: Masters or Doctoral (circle one)

Expected grad date _____ (Seniors only)

Advisor/Faculty Member _____ Phone number _____

Signature (faculty) _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct. I further agree that if I withdraw from school, transfer to an unqualified curriculum, school or department, or receive a B.S. degree during the tenure of this scholarship (if granted), that the unused balance is forfeitable to the SMA Foundation, and shall so notify the SMA Foundation within thirty days.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____