

Sorghum Feed and Food Scholarship Award

The National Sorghum Foundation

Sorghum, an ancient grain, grown for thousands of years for both feed and food found its way into the U.S. during the 1800's as a more resilient crop that better adjusts to the challenges of nature, yet responds favorably to more favorable conditions. Here the crop has frequently been a staple feed in the form of grain, silage, and dried distillers grains with soluble (DDGS). More recently sorghum grain has appeared in food products as a gluten free safe food for celiac disease and provides important macronutrient, micronutrient and phytochemical dietary sources. Sorghum provides not only a lower cost feed supply for cattle and swine as a replacement for corn and remains the second most used cereal grain for commercial growers of broilers, turkeys, and egg layers in corn / sorghum growing regions. Finally with water issues perhaps our biggest concern worldwide and certainly in the Great Plains this water sipping crop is becoming an even more significant feed/food related to our national security.

The National Sorghum Foundation was established in an effort to aid and promote higher education in agriculture and more specifically to promote the study of sorghum and its impact on agriculture. Contributors to the Foundation have recognized the impact by the number of states, academic departments, and most importantly Ag-college students who participate annually in this program. As so strongly stated by Dr. Norman Borlaug, Father of the Green Revolution and Nobel Prize recipient, *"Students of today are our future hope for food security in this growing world"*.

Eligibility requirements for the Sorghum Feed and Food Scholarship

The National Sorghum Foundation will offer the Feed and Food Scholarship to :

- **University undergrad students (sophomore though senior standing)**
- **Must be enrolled in an agriculturally based department related to**
 - **Animal science (nutrition)**
 - **Food Science**
 - **With emphasis on sorghum.**

Scholarship Application Contents

- **Students are asked to submit a completed copy of the application**
- **An official copy of current transcripts**
- **At least two letters of recommendation.**
- **A headshot photo for use in a media release**

Scholarship Benefits

A selection committee made up of the National Sorghum Foundation Board of Directors will rank the applications and award the winner of the Food & Feed Scholarship package. The scholarship package will consist of **\$1500 to be applied toward one semester of tuition expenses**

Timeline:

March 1, 2018 – June 1, 2018 Applications collected from students for review. Application packets postmarked after June 1, 2017 will not be considered.

June 1 – July 15, 2018 Selection committee to review applications.

August 1 – August 15, 2018 Winner will be notified and funds distributed.

The Sorghum Feed and Food Scholarship Application

The National Sorghum Foundation

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

US Citizen: _____ College or University currently attending: _____

Classification (2018-2019): _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Please provide answers to the following questions on a separate sheet;

1. By 2050, it is predicted that the world population will be 9 billion. What role do you see sorghum playing in the attempt to satisfy world needs in either animal feeding or human nutrition?
2. Sustainability is an issue we hear much of today. How does sorghum help address this issue in 21st century agriculture?
3. Why did you chose to pursue a degree in one of the feed or food disciplines?
4. After graduation what are your plans for career and/or additional education and why?
5. Please provide a comprehensive listing of you leadership activities since entering college. Include any activities external of school e.g., church, community volunteer, etc.
6. Would you be interested in serving as an intern for the National Sorghum Producers organization and why?

Are you or any member of your immediate family a member of the National Sorghum

Producers? _____ Membership ID# _____

(Note: This is not a qualification.)

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Please submit the following information for Sorghum Food & Feed Scholarship

- 1) Official, updated transcripts
- 2) At least two letters of recommendation
- 3) A completed copy of the above application
- 4) A headshot photo for use in a media release

The application package may be submitted to:

The National Sorghum Foundation

Attn: Larry Lambright

4201 N. Interstate 27

Lubbock, TX 79403

Inquires may be directed to Larry Lambright, Chairman of the Foundation at

larry@sorghumgrowers.com or 806-773-1328.

<http://sorghumgrowers.com/sorghum-foundation/>

Application Deadline: June 1, 2018. Incomplete application packets received or those application packets which are postmarked after June 1 will not be considered. Applications and supporting letters should be singled sided and not stapled with a minimum font size of 11.