

The Sorghum Challenge

The National Sorghum Foundation

The National Sorghum Foundation was established in an effort to aid and promote higher education in agriculture, more specifically, to promote the study of sorghum and its impact on agriculture. Producers, researchers, and private industry collectively funded the Foundation endowment to enhance the awareness of sorghum as the fifth most important cereal crop in the world today. The founders of the Foundation know the world of agriculture is changing as times change. The interests of the founding contributors are best summarized in a quote from Clays Kriebel Delmas, “Western societies produced a flowering of human values and enduring beauty; I hope they will not be entirely lost in the new society whose shape we cannot know. Let us try to preserve the best and encourage the shoots of the new to grow in a direction that will not entirely distort the old.”

Requirements for the National Sorghum Challenge Scholarship Award

The National Sorghum Foundation will offer “The Sorghum Challenge” to University undergrad students that are enrolled in an Agriculturally based department. Students are asked to submit a completed copy of the application, an official copy of current transcripts and at least two letters of recommendation. A selection committee, made up of the Foundation Board of Directors and staff from the National Sorghum Producers, will rank the applications and award the winner of the Sorghum Challenge the scholarship package.

Scholarship Benefits

The scholarships package will consist of the following:

- 1) \$1000 to be applied toward one semester of tuition expenses
- 2) A trip to Washington D.C. with the National Sorghum Producers. Students will meet their Congressional representatives and watch the legislative process as state association presidents discuss and resolve timely agricultural issues for the producers they represent.

Timeline:

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| March 1 – May 31, 2014: | Applications will be collected from students for review. |
| June 1 – July 15, 2014: | The selections committee will review the applications. |
| August 1 – August 15, 2014: | The winner(s) will be contacted and awarded the Sorghum Challenge Scholarship. Financial arrangements will be made. Tuition will be paid through the winner’s college or university |

The Sorghum Challenge Application

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Name: _____ SSN: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____
E-mail: _____
US Citizen: _____ College or University currently attending: _____
Classification (2014-2015): _____
Major Field of Study: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____
Expected Graduation Date: _____

What led you to pursue a degree in an agriculturally related field? (Expanded responses may go on a separate sheet.)

Please provide a concise list of your leadership activities since entering college:

What are your career aspirations following graduation?

Would you be interested in serving as an intern for NSP?

Are you or any member of your immediate family a member of the National Sorghum Producers? _____ Membership ID# _____

(Note: Preferential consideration may be afforded to those who are members.)

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Please submit the following information for The Sorghum Challenge:

- 1) Official, updated transcripts
- 2) At least two letters of recommendation
- 3) A completed copy of the above application

The application package may be submitted to:

The National Sorghum Foundation
Attn: Dr. Bruce Maunder
4201 N. Interstate 27
Lubbock, TX 79403

Inquires may be directed to Dr. Maunder, Chair of the Foundation at texasgreenbug@aol.com or 806-749-3478

Application Deadline: May 31, 2014