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Winton Etchen Scholarship Application

2025-2026 Academic Year

Representing the Agribusiness Industry

The Agribusiness Association of Iowa (AAI) represents the retail agricultural industry in Iowa that sells to Iowa farmers virtually all of the inputs used in crop production and handle the bulk of the grain grown in the state by moving it across the country and overseas through various ways of inter-modal transportation. Members include independent and cooperative retail centers and the companies that sell to those retail centers including the manufacturers, formulators and distributors of crop protection products, plant food, feed, grain, seed, biotech, equipment, petroleum and many ancillary companies that do business in Iowa.

Objectives

The primary goal of the program is to encourage Iowa youth to prepare for a career in agriculture. This scholarship program is designed to provide college financial assistance to a resident of Iowa or a dependent of an AAI member who chooses to study agriculture.

Scholarship Amount

AAI Foundation will offer one \$1,000 scholarship to a full-time Iowa State University freshman agriculture student. If the student remains in the program, he or she is eligible for \$250 in each of the following three years. The student must provide proof of full-time enrollment and maintain a 2.0 GPA. The scholarship is paid at the completion of the student's first semester each year. Continuation of the scholarship program shall be reviewed annually. Documentation is required to be submitted annually by the student.

Selection Committee

The AAI Foundation board of directors serves as the selection committee. The selection committee shall review the applications and rank the scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a resident of Iowa or a dependent of an AAI member at the time of application.
2. Applicant must be a full-time student who has been accepted to ISU and plans to pursue a degree in an agricultural curriculum.
3. Applicant shall enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of his/her scholarship year.
4. AAI Foundation will offer a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a full-time ISU freshman agriculture student and \$250 in each of the subsequent three years provided the student continues to pursue an agricultural degree.
5. Full-time employees of AAI, their spouses and/or dependent children shall be prohibited from receiving the Winton Etchen scholarship.

Questions?

Contact the AAI Foundation, at 515-262-8323 or email scholarships@agribiz.org

AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FOUNDATION WINTON ETCHEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The AAI Foundation will offer one scholarship of \$1,000 to be awarded to a student seeking an undergraduate agricultural degree at Iowa State University.

****PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT****

Criteria: Recipients will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Outstanding leadership
- Academic performance
- Applicant must be a full-time student who has been accepted to Iowa State University and will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in an agricultural curriculum
- One or more agriculture class shall be taken each semester of the scholarship year
- Application and transcript received by the postmark deadline of July 15, 2025

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Home address: _____ City/State/ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____ County: _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Name of high school: _____ Phone #: _____

Education level completed: _____

Are you an AAI member or a dependent of an AAI member? (circle) YES NO

Name of AAI member (applicant, parent or guardian): _____

AAI sponsoring member: _____

Will you be attending ISU the 2025-2026 academic year? (circle) YES NO (if no, where) _____

What is/will be your major in college? _____

What are your career goals? _____



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List school and community activities, including offices held in organizations, while in high school and/or college
Please specify the year.

Employment – List Current or Former Employment

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Ag Ownership – List any projects/crops or other ownership related to agriculture.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Previous Coursework – Please list courses you have taken in high school and/or college that have prepared you for a career in agriculture.

Future Coursework – List specific agriculture classes you plan to take during your scholarship year.

Please ask your high school counselor, principal or academic advisor to complete the following:

Cumulative grade point average: _____ [college GPA, if applicable]: _____
[Please include a copy of the high school and/or College transcript]

"I verify that the above information is correct."

School Signature/Title: _____ Date: _____



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Essay

Your application should include an essay on why you should receive the AAI Foundation Winton Etchen scholarship. In the essay, include your opinion on the role of agribusiness and ag retail centers in production agriculture. Please limit your essay to two pages.

Additional Scholarships: What other scholarships and grants will you be awarded in the 2025-2026 academic year? [State the source and amount]:

If you are the recipient of the Winton Etchen scholarship, will you attend the 2026 Agribusiness Association of Iowa Annual Meeting to be recognized? [circle] Yes No

This information is requested for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons outside the coordinating staff, the review committee and the AAI Foundation board of directors will be provided this information. I authorize the AAI Foundation and Agribusiness Association of Iowa to release copies of this form and information about my academic record to the committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Sponsoring AAI Member: _____ Date: _____

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation, including one from the sponsoring AAI member, are required. Two people (not relatives) shall each send a letter of recommendation for you to the AAI Foundation by July 15, 2025.

Please return this completed application, essays, and a copy of your high school transcript (and college if applicable) to: Agribusiness Association of Iowa, 900 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

POSTMARK DEADLINE: July 15, 2025

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