



MAELC Undergraduate Agricultural Education Scholarship Program

2025-2026

- Deadline** Applications must be submitted online by February 1, 2025.
- Purpose** The purpose of the MAELC Undergraduate Agricultural Education scholarship program is to award scholarships to undergraduate students studying Agricultural Education with the intent of becoming a licensed agriculture teacher. With a shortage of high school agriculture teachers, there is a tremendous need in Minnesota and nationally for professionals trained in Agricultural Education.
- Eligibility** Minnesota Agricultural Education-Teacher Licensure students who are student teaching between Fall 2025-Spring 2027 are eligible to apply. Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to receive this scholarship more than once. You must be registered as a full-time student and attending Southwest Minnesota State University, the University of Minnesota-Crookston, or the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities at the time the scholarship is disbursed.
- Selection** A MAELC scholarship committee will review applications and select scholarship winners. Scholarship recipients will be selected upon their academic merit, leadership activities, and commitment to become an agricultural education teacher as well as financial need. Scholarship awards will be put directly into student accounts in September 2025 and January 2026 and may affect recipients' financial aid package.
- Funding** Average scholarship award ranges between \$1,000-\$2,000.
- Materials** The application will require answering essay questions and providing an unofficial transcript and resume.
- Tips When Applying**
- Applications are reviewed for both content AND quality.
 - Focus responses on your current intentions related to becoming an agriculture teacher. Be sure to add information about your plans to use your agricultural education degree after graduation.
 - Remember that those reviewing the application do not know you. Think about what you want the committee to know as to why you are deserving of this scholarship.
- Application** Apply online at www.mn.gov/maelc/scholarships.html by February 1, 2025. Please be prepared to answer the following questions (up to 300-word limit per question):
1. What inspired you to choose the agricultural education teaching profession as your career path?
 2. How are you paying for your college education? (work, grants, loans, family, etc.) Are there any special circumstances or issues you would like the committee to know about?
 3. What experiences have you had in your undergraduate career to help maintain/grow your passion to become an agriculture teacher?
 4. What are your career plans after graduating with an Agricultural Education degree?
- **Please submit an unofficial transcript and your resume with this application.*****

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