

Salem County Board of Agriculture Scholarship

For High School Seniors Pursuing Higher Education in Agriculture

Scholarship Overview

Salem County agriculture plays a vital role in our County's economy, environment, and communities. From family farms passed down through generations to innovative agricultural science and sustainability efforts, agriculture in Salem County is both deeply rooted and constantly evolving.

This scholarship is designed to support high school seniors who plan to pursue higher education in an agriculture-related field, including (but not limited to): agricultural science, agribusiness, environmental studies, horticulture, animal science, food systems, sustainability, or agricultural education.

Our goal is to invest in the next generation of agricultural leaders who will help protect, innovate, and advocate for New Jersey agriculture.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to enroll in a college, university, or technical program related to agriculture
- Demonstrate an interest in agriculture, farming, food systems, or environmental stewardship
- Be a Salem County resident

Essay Prompt

Applicants must submit an essay addressing the following:

“Explain the importance of agriculture in New Jersey. Why is it vital to our state’s economy, environment, and communities, and how do you see yourself contributing to the future of New Jersey agriculture through your education and career goals?”

Essay Guidelines:

- Length: 500–750 words
 - Essays should be original, thoughtful, and clearly written
 - Essays must be a Word document
 - Personal experiences, family connections, or community involvement in agriculture are encouraged but not required
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Application Deadline

- All scholarship applications and essays must be submitted by May 22nd 2026 at 11:59 PM.
 - Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
 - Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1st, 2026
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 - Submit Scholarship application & essay to jmcassidy21@gmail.com
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Selection Criteria

Essays will be evaluated based on:

- Understanding of New Jersey agriculture and its significance
- Passion for agriculture and future goals in the field
- Clarity, originality, and strength of writing
- Overall alignment with the mission of supporting NJ agriculture

New Jersey Agriculture Scholarship Application

Please complete all sections of this application. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Application Deadline: May 22nd 2026 11:59 PM

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

GPA (optional): _____

Planned Education

College/University or Program you plan to attend:

Intended Major or Agricultural Field of Study:

Have you been accepted? Yes No Pending

Agricultural Experience & Involvement

Please describe any agricultural experience, activities, clubs, work experience, or community involvement related to agriculture (attach additional pages if needed).

Essay Requirement

Please attach a 500–750 word essay responding to the following prompt: “Explain the importance of agriculture in New Jersey. Why is it vital to our state’s economy, environment, and communities, and how do you see yourself contributing to the future of New Jersey agriculture through your education and career goals?”

Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____