



# MSGA 2026 Scholarship Details

The Montana Seed Growers Association (MSGA) is proud to announce the annual MSGA Scholarship Program, supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders in Montana. This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate a passion for seed production, plant science, or agricultural advancement, and who are committed to the success and sustainability of Montana's agricultural community.

Deadline: 05/01/2026

Award Amount: \$500 - \$2,000

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a resident of Montana or have strong ties to the state's agricultural community or seed production.
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution (EX: four-year universities, community/technical colleges, or vocational/trade schools.)
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Demonstrate a commitment to Montana agriculture, particularly seed certification, or crop development; and demonstrate a commitment to bettering Montana's agricultural and rural communities.
- Preference given to:
  - MSGA members or dependents of members.
  - Students studying agriculture, plant or crop science, seed technology, agronomy, horticulture, agricultural education, agriculture related trades, or related fields that benefit Montana's agricultural and rural communities.

## Required Materials:

- Completed MSGA Scholarship Application Form.
- A one-page essay addressing:
  - Your background in Montana agriculture.
  - How the scholarship will support educational and professional goals.
  - How you plan to contribute to the seed industry or Montana agricultural communities.
- Current transcript (official or unofficial).
- One or two letter(s) of recommendation. (EX: from a teacher, professor, academic advisor, community leader, employer, agricultural leader, MSGA member, etc.)
- Resume highlighting work experience, extracurricular involvement, volunteerism, or leadership in agricultural organizations (EX: FFA, 4-H, collegiate ag. clubs).

## How to Apply:

- Submit all materials by 05/01/2026 to:  
Montana Seed Growers Association  
MSU - Marsh Laboratory  
P.O. Box 173146  
Bozeman, MT 59717

or

Email: [MSGA@Montana.edu](mailto:MSGA@Montana.edu)

## Selection Process:

- Academic achievement.
- Demonstrated leadership and community involvement.
- Commitment to agriculture and seed production.
- Essay content and clarity.
- Strength of recommendations.
- All applicants will be contacted by MSGA with the results of their application.

## Award Details:

- Award amounts typically range from \$500–\$2,000.
- Funds are paid directly to the recipient's educational institution.
- Recipients will be announced at the MSGA Annual Meeting and in association publications.



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## 2026 Scholarship Checklist

This checklist is a resource to help you prepare to submit your application. Please contact MSGA if you have any questions. Deadline: 05/01/2026.

### Eligibility

- ☐ A Montana resident or have significant ties to Montana agriculture.
- ☐ Currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution.
- ☐ Preference given if you (or a family member) is a member of the MSGA, or affiliated with a certified seed operation.
- ☐ Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- ☐ Submit all required materials by the application deadline.

### Essay

- ☐ One-page essay describing your interest in agriculture, seed production, or plant science.
- ☐ Your background in Montana agriculture.
- ☐ How you plan to contribute to the seed industry or Montana agricultural communities.
- ☐ How this scholarship will help you achieve your educational & career goals.

### Application Materials

- ☐ Completed application form.
- ☐ One-page essay.
- ☐ One or two letter(s) of recommendation from a teacher, professor, academic advisor, community leader, employer, agricultural leader, MSGA member, etc.
- ☐ Current academic transcript (official or unofficial).
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# MSGA 2026 Scholarship Application Form

## Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School or College Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related Montana Seed Growers Association member: \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Section

Please attach a one-page essay describing your interest in agriculture, seed production, or plant science. Your background in Montana agriculture. Your career goals in agriculture or plant science. How the applicant plans to contribute to the seed industry or Montana agricultural communities. How this scholarship will impact their educational journey.

## Letters of Recommendation

Please attach one or two letters of recommendations from a teacher, professor, academic advisor, community leader, employer, or MSGA member.

## Current academic transcript (official or unofficial)

## Resume

Please attach a resume highlighting your work experience, extracurricular involvement, or leadership in agricultural organizations (e.g., FFA, 4-H, collegiate ag clubs).

## Certification and Signature

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

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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