

## **The Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

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The Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship is for students enrolling at Arizona Western College and/or the University of Arizona in Yuma for the 2011-12 academic year, with an Agriculture or an Ag-related major. (Science and Engineering majors intending an Ag or Ag related career will be considered.) If a last year at UA in Tucson is necessary, it will be covered.)

**This unique scholarship will cover tuition at all three Yuma institutions, allowing participation in the 2+2 and 2+1+1 partnership programs, even if student is enrolled concurrently.**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Eligibility requirements for this scholarship are:

- GPA: High school cumulative GPA, as per transcript, must be 2.5 or greater. College transcripts will be considered, but focus is HS GPA.
- Student must be a Declared Agricultural major or Ag-related major. Science and Engineering majors will be considered if there is a clear Ag focus or goal (as evidenced in educational plan or by other means.)
- Student must be enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the institution; a full time load distributed between institutions is acceptable as prescribed by the degree program.
- Student must be enrolled in or intend to enroll in, or transfer to, a four year program through the UA. Students enrolled in a 2+2 or 2+1+1 program qualify.
- Students must demonstrate a genuine interest in a career in agriculture, agribusiness, agriculture science, or agriculture engineering related occupation, preferably by having taken agriculture related courses and participating in agriculture related curricular and extra curricular activities.
- Student must be in good standing.

### **Recipient Information:**

- Recipients will be required to take courses of the degree program.
- Recipients will be required to have advisement with an Agriculture Advisor, only.
- Recipients will be required to file a four-year educational plan.
- Recipients will be required to have at least one (1) advisement session per semester.

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### Award Information:

- Typical awards are from \$500 to \$2500 per academic year and must be used for the academic year awarded. Unused or forfeited funds will be refunded to the YCAPS Fund.
- Funding applies to Agriculture, Agribusiness, or Ag Engineering related degree programs, and prescribed courses for those programs, at AWC, and UA in Yuma or Tucson, only.
- Recipients will be able to accept this scholarship, as well as any others received.
- Funds will be paid directly to the institution(s) to be applied in the payment of the scholarship recipients' educational expenses, half of the award each semester, the second semester contingent on continued qualification of criteria.
- YCAP scholarships apply to registration fees, tuition, lab fees, student equipment and related educational fees. Books and supplies from the AWC Bookstore or the UA bookstore are also covered.
- Living Expenses: In appropriate circumstances, scholarships might also include funds for living expenses. Funding for living expenses will be decided on a case by case basis; awards for such will be distributed to the bursar's office for the distribution on a semester basis. No funds will be distributed directly to the student.
- Funds will be applied to the following in the order of priority: Tuition, Fees, Books and supplies from the AWC or UA bookstore. (Residence Hall Fees, Food pass for the cafeteria in certain circumstances—please see Living Expenses, above.) No cash will be released to student.
- Funds will be administered by institutional scholarship and bursar's offices. Remainder funds will be returned to the YCAPS Fund.
- Applications will be judged on merit, or financial need, or both.
- Preference will be given to Yuma County High School graduates (includes San Pasqual).
- Scholarship is renewable with re-application, compliance with scholarship agreement and continuation of criteria.
- Four year programs for NAU at Flagstaff will not qualify for the YCAPS scholarship.

## **The Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship Application Instructions**

Your application packet must be submitted **no later than March 31, 2011** and include the following, **in this order**:

**Do not include a cover page or picture.**

1. **Application Form** – Fill in ALL applicable information.
2. **Student/Work Resume** – should include the following information:
  - Full Legal Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Social Security Number
  - Day and Evening Phone Numbers
  - Email Address(es)
  - Legal Street Address: house number, city, state, zip code
  - Mailing Address, if different from above
  - Cumulative GPA/ Class Rank
  - Curricular and Extracurricular activities
  - Employment history, including job responsibilities and hours worked per week/seasonally
  - Academic Honors or Awards, any special recognition
  - Community service/Volunteer work
  - Special Skills (i.e.: sign language, second language, machines you can operate, etc.)
3. **Personal Letter**- no more than 500 words covering the following information:
  - Major field of study and why (what interests, experienced led to your choice.)
  - Goals on graduation with degree (where you want to work and why, what you want to do, include plans to stay/return to Yuma to work after graduation, if those are your plans.)
  - Description of your strengths, character, personality traits
  - An experience you've had in your life that you believe will help you to be successful.
  - Statement of need, if applicable.
4. **Three letters of recommendation** from any adult you are not related to: teachers, counselors, employers, etc. (**DO NOT PUT IN SEALED ENVELOPE**)
5. **Copy of transcript(s)** (high school PLUS college, if any college courses have been taken.)

## **The Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship**

### **Completed Application Packets:**

- Mail completed application packets to:  
**Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship Fund**
- **c/o Tanya Hodges**  
**3200 W 12<sup>th</sup> street**  
**Yuma, AZ 85364**
- **Or give to your counselor and Tanya Hodges will pick up from your school**
- **AWC students may drop off your scholarship packet to Tanya Hodges office AS137 or Alberto Urbieta AS138- Agriculture Sciences Building Arizona Western College**
  
- Completed applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2011.
  
- Late or Incomplete Packets will not be considered!
  
- All application packets will be screened and finalists scheduled for a personal interview by a committee of the Yuma Ag Producers Scholarship Fund during April.
  
- Applicants will receive a letter by mid-April if they have not been chosen as a finalist or inviting them for a personal interview. If you do not receive notification by that time, please contact your counselor to verify that your application was submitted.
  
- Recipients of YCAP scholarships are required to participate in a photo opportunity to publicize receipt of the scholarship for printed matter, including the local newspaper(s). If recipients are high school seniors they are required to attend their high school award ceremony in May for presentation of the scholarship.
  
- Recipients will not be required to file for financial aid. 1040s will not be required.

If you have any questions about the scholarship or the application process, please contact Tanya Hodges [thodges@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:thodges@cals.arizona.edu) or 928-271-9560

**The Yuma County Ag Producers Scholarship  
Application Form  
Please Type or Print Neatly**

Applicant Full Legal Name	<b>Dependent Students:</b>		
Social Security Number	Father's full legal name		
Date of Birth	Address		
Address	City	State	Zip
City	State	Zip	Occupation
Day phone	Eve Phone	Home phone	Work Phone
Email address	Mother's full legal name		
High School Attended or Attending	Address		
Year Graduated or Graduating High School	City	State	Zip
College or University attending in 2008-2009	Home phone		
Starting <input type="checkbox"/> Fall or <input type="checkbox"/> Spring	Work Phone		
Major:	Occupation		
Class position	GPA	Weighted	Employer
Counselor Signature			Family yearly income
Date			Number of people in household
<p>I declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I permit the Scholarship Committee access to my institutional information to track progress and verify qualifications under the rules of this scholarship.</p>			Special circumstances that affect family finances
			What are your three top choices for an occupation?
Student signature		Date	