

### Purpose

The purpose of the WIA Scholarship is to defray the cost of attending the WIA Summit for students who have shown a career interest in the agribusiness industry.

Scholarships become available as companies choose to sponsor them; therefore, there is no pre-determined number of scholarships available for each Summit. Recipients will be chosen primarily based on their interest and passion for the agribusiness industry as expressed in the statement included with their application.

### Benefits

Each scholarship will include registration for the Summit, three nights of lodging at a hotel (should the recipient need it), and any meals provided at the event.

Summits usually include breakfasts, lunches, snacks during coffee breaks, and hors d'oeuvres- style refreshments at two evening receptions. The scholarship does not cover any travel / transportation expenses or food outside of the event.

Scholarship recipients will be expected to participate in all conference activities as if they are paid attendees. They will be encouraged to attend all sessions and they will have the opportunity to network during meals, coffee breaks, and receptions.

For all recipients, the Women in Agribusiness Team will register them for the Summit and make their hotel reservations (should the recipient need it). Scholarships are for one Summit only.

### Eligibility

- 1) Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students attending an accredited college or university.
- 2) Applicants must be majoring in agribusiness or a related field. Note: Students not majoring in such a field will also be considered if they make a convincing argument as to how the WIA Summit will benefit their career path in the statement included as part of this application.
- 3) If an applicant does not receive a scholarship the first time they apply, they will still be considered eligible if they re-apply for a following Summit.
- 4) Students who have received a scholarship to attend a prior Summit will be considered eligible if they choose to reapply; however, the fact that they have previously received a scholarship will be taken into account.

The WIA Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin or sexual orientation. WIA will not award scholarships to applicants who are not qualified.

### Application Requirements

To be considered for a WIA Scholarship, applicants must complete an application and return it to [Carrie Vita \(cvita@highquestgroup.com\)](mailto:cvita@highquestgroup.com). The application must include:

- 1) A completed application form.
- 2) A copy of the student's resume.
- 3) Hi-resolution headshot of applicant
- 4) A biography of 125 words with an approximate description of applicant's area of study and interests. This can include attended schools, accomplishments, awards, and degrees obtained. It can also mention the applicant's hopes for the future or after graduation plans. (If chosen, the bio and headshot will be featured on our website.)
- 5) A one page (approx. 500-70 words) statement describing the applicant's educational and career goals and how they believe attending the Women in Agribusiness Summit will benefit their career path. Please keep in mind that this statement should not recap the information that is on your resume and application. Those documents detail your past, this statement should reflect your plans for the future. Also remember to put your name at the top of this document.



**A. General Information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

LinkedIn \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for a WIA Scholarship in the past? Yes  No

If yes, which year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for a WIA Scholarship in the past? Yes  No

If yes, which year? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Education Information**

College/ University \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one  Undergraduate Student  Graduate Student

Department and Major \_\_\_\_\_

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

Degree Expected \_\_\_\_\_

Schools Previously Attended

College/Universities	Dates Attended	Degree Earned (if any)

**C. Employment and /or Internship Information**

Please list your employment / internship history (if any), including dates, starting with the most recent. Place an asterisk (\*) before any company where your involvement was in agribusiness or any related field.

Company Name	City, State	Dates

#### D. Application Signature

I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that the information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from consideration for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### E. Summary

To apply for the WIA student scholarship, you must:

1. Attach completed application form
2. Attach a copy of your resume
3. Attach a Hi-Resolution Headshot (To be used for promotional purposes if selected)
4. Attach a 125-word biography (To be used for promotional purposes if selected)
5. Complete and attach a one page (approx. 500-700 words) statement describing your educational and career goals and how you believe attending the Women In Agribusiness Summit will benefit your career path.
6. Please use your name in the filename of each document you send.

Questions about the application process may be directed to Carrie Vita ([cvita@highquestgroup.com](mailto:cvita@highquestgroup.com)).