2020 UNDERGRADUATE SEED SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2020

Iowa Seed Association (ISA) Scholarships, ISA 2020 Bill Latham Memorial Scholarship, Lisa Shepherd-Jenkins Memorial Scholarship, and Iowa Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) Scholarships.

These scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students based on academic excellence, leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated interest in seed science and/or the seed industry. ISA will award several scholarships, including one Bill Latham Memorial Scholarship. The ISU Seed Science Center will award one Lisa Shepherd-Jenkins Memorial Scholarship, and ICIA will award one scholarship. The minimum scholarship award is $1,000.

Two Iowa Seed Association (ISA) scholarships will be awarded to students who have declared Seed Science as a secondary major. The remaining ISA scholarships will be open to students in any major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (including Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering) with a demonstrated interest in seed science or in a career related to the seed industry. In addition, an outstanding student classified as a senior will receive an extra $500 as a special scholarship. ***Students previously awarded two ISA scholarships are not eligible for a 2020 ISA scholarship but may be eligible for other scholarships.***

Students wishing to apply for these scholarships should provide the application materials described below by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020.** Materials should be submitted to the ABE Student Services Center, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (1320 Elings Hall), the Agronomy Student Services Office (2104 Agronomy Hall), or the Main Office of the Department of Horticulture (107 Horticulture Hall).

ISA scholarship recipients are expected to attend a luncheon (*free of charge*) at the Annual ISA convention. This luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at the site of the convention, the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Transportation will be provided if needed.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Compose a cover letter that highlights your qualifications as described in the Application Evaluation Rubric. Address the cover letter to: Dr. Tom Brumm; Chair, Seed Science Scholarship Committee, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, 4335 Elings Hall, Iowa State University.
2. Complete the Undergraduate Seed Science Scholarships Application Form. Obtain your adviser’s signature verifying your academic information.
3. Compose a Statement of Interest as described below.
4. Include your resume, and if needed, a separate sheet outlining your work experience(s), including Seed Science Internship Experiences (AGRON/HORT 491), if any.
5. Submit your completed application materials (items 1-4 above) at one of the places designated above.

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST:**

Write a statement of interest document, **no more than two double-spaced pages**. This document should demonstrate your interest in a professional career in seed science and/or the seed industry. It also should convey to the selection committee your academic achievements, leadership achievements, and interpersonal skills. Include your specific career and educational goals. Also include your recognized achievements (e.g., awards, honors, scholarships, sand community, student club, and service activities) if they are not included in your resume.

**WORK EXPERIENCE HISTORY**:

Be sure to include a description of your work experiences and any internships in the seed science field, either in your resume or as a separate document. Provide the employer’s name(s), your job title(s) and duties, and date(s) of employment. If you have taken AGRON/HORT 491, provide a description of the project(s), dates, and the name(s) of the company and/or people with whom you worked.

**2020 Undergraduate Seed Science Scholarships Application Form**

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**(Please type or print legibly)**

Name:  Date:

Local Address:

Permanent Address:

E-mail Address:

Phone: Local  Phone: Permanent

Parents’ Names:

Major(s):  Minor(s):

Seed Science Secondary Major: Yes  If yes, year initiated:  No

Total College Credit Hours Completed (including transfer credits):

Credits completed at ISU:  (If you are a transfer student with no ISU completed credits, indicate credits completed before coming to ISU.)

Overall cumulative GPA at ISU:  Current major GPA at ISU:  (If you are a freshman or transfer student with no ISU GPA, indicate GPA in high school/previous college, & high school ranking.)

Will you have at least 90 total semester credit hours at the end of this semester? Yes  No

Currently enrolled\* at ISU: Yes  No  if no, explain:

Enrolled\* last semester at ISU: Yes  No  if no, explain:

Currently in good academic standing\*\*: Yes  No  if no, explain:

Seed Science-Related Courses Taken:

**\*** Enrollment at ISU includes internships and cooperative education programs that may be completed off-campus.

**\*\*** Good academic standing means you are not on either conduct or academic probation.

**GPA, Enrollment, Academic Standing, and Course Verification by your Academic Adviser**:

Adviser’s Printed Name:

 Adviser’s Signature of Verification

**DATA RELEASE TO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**:

Iowa State University requests this information for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships. No person outside the university is provided with this information. Your student identification number will be used only to release scholarship funds to your ISU University-bill account. Responses to all items are required. If you fail to provide the required information, the Scholarship Selection Committee may not consider your application.

**I authorize Iowa State University to release copies of this completed application form to the Committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient**.

Applicant Signature:  Student ID No.  Date:

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| **Application Evaluation Rubric** |
| Criteria | **Exceptional** | **Good** | **Adequate** | **Inadequate** |
| **Sincere or demonstrable interest in a career in seed science or the seed industry** | Obvious and exceptional interest as demonstrated by thoughtful choices in all the following: coursework, internships, organizations, previous jobs, career and educational goals. | Definite and strong interest as demonstrated by choices in most of the following: coursework, internships, previous jobs, organizations, career and educational goals. | Some interest by choice of some of the following: coursework, internships, previous jobs, organizations, career and educational goals.  | Has little or no interest demonstrated by choice of coursework, internships, previous jobs, organizations, career and educational goals. |
| **Leadership Skills** | Has distinguished her- or himself in leadership roles in multiple on- and off-campus organizations with numerous notable accomplishments. | Has demonstrated good leadership skills in on- and off-campus organizations with some notable accomplishments.  | Has assumed leadership roles in some on- and off-campus organizations and did an adequate job.  | Has little or no leadership experience in on- or off-campus organizations.  |
| **Interpersonal Skills** | Exceptional interpersonal skills demonstrated or recognized by all the following: public speaking, service activities, via honors, awards and scholarships. Letter of interest was well written. | Good interpersonal skills demonstrated or recognized by most of the following: public speaking, service activities, honors, awards and scholarships. Letter of interest was well written. | Adequate interpersonal skills demonstrated or recognized by some of the following: public speaking, service activities, via honors, awards and scholarships. Letter of interest was adequate. | Interpersonal skills not adequately demonstrated or recognized by some of the following: public speaking, service activities, via honors, awards and scholarships. Letter of interest was inadequate. |
| **Academic Excellence (GPA)** |  |