**TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP**

**Purpose**

The **TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP** **PROGRAM** is designed to assist one person in each state of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi pursuing careers in an agricultural field with an interest in soybean crop production or soybean crop protection. These fields include agronomy, weed science, entomology, plant pathology, agriculture business and soybean related disciplines. Funding for the scholarship program is made possible by the Tri-State Soybean Forum via meetings and fund raising events.

Applicants must be a junior or senior in good standing, at time of application, at one of their respective states’ Colleges of Agriculture, and have maintained a cumulative 2.5 grade point average (4.0 scale). Selections are based upon merit, without discrimination for any reason such as race, sex, religion, age, color, and national origin.

All applicants must complete an official application to include:

* Official Application (see below)
* Biographical summary (see below).
* Personal statement (see below).
* Copy of unofficial transcripts.
* Provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with applicant’s merit and aspiration.

**Application Requirements**

All applicants must complete an official application to include; provide a copy of unofficial transcripts; provide a letter of recommendation from school counselor or advisor; provide biographical summary in 300 words or less of your experience and achievements; provide a personal statement to the Scholarship Committee in 300 words or less concerning your thoughts on where soybean production will be in your state in the next 5 to 10 years and how this may fit into your career goals. Applicants may scan required documents, save as a pdf, and email completed application packets to their respective state chairs using addresses below.

**ARKANSAS APPLICANTS**

Applications should be sent to

Mr. Kevin Norton

TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP - ARKANSAS CHAIR

Ashley County Extension Office

305 E. Jefferson – Box 15

Hamburg, AR 71646

Email: knorton@uada.edu

**LOUISIANA APPLICANTS**

Applications should be sent to

Mr. R. L. Frazier

TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP - LOUISIANA CHAIR

114 North Cedar

Tallulah, LA 71282

rfrazier@agcenter.lsu.edu

**MISSISSIPPI APPLICANTS**

Applications should be sent to

Dr. Trent Irby

TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP - MISSISSIPPI CHAIR

P.O. Box 9555

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Email: tirby@pss.msstate.edu

**Selection Process**

Applicants will be screened by a 3 member sub-committee from each state plus the Scholarship Chair appointed by the board of the Tri-State Soybean Forum. Successful applicants will be asked to attend Tri-State Soybean Forum Annual Meeting for recognition. The meeting will be held Friday, January 5, 2024.

**Application Schedule**

The one time scholarship of $1250.00 will be awarded in the spring semester. Applications must be received by December 1. Successful applicants will be notified by December 10.

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**Official Application**

DATE:

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

UNIVERSITY:

DEPARTMENT:

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:

AREA OF STUDY:

**UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please attach your typewritten responses to questions 1-2 to the completed application form and return to your school’s Agricultural University Representative for review and send to their State Scholarship Chair

1. **BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY**: In 300 words or less, provide a summary of your experiences and achievements.
2. **PERSONAL STATEMENT**: **PERSONAL STATEMENT**: in 300 words or less, write a statement concerning your thoughts on where soybean production will be in your state in the next 5 to 10 years and how this may fit into your career goals.