

**NC A&T State University
CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program
Application
Academic Year: 2024 - 2025
(High School)**



**College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
(CAES)**

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the NC A&T State University's CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program. The purpose of the CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program is to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training of undergraduate students, pursuing studies in the food and agricultural sciences. The scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences that would lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and demonstrated community service. The Scholarship is highly competitive and provides a **one-time \$3000 (\$1,500 per semester)** tuition payment, to selected students accepted for major enrollment at NC A&T State University within the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

Selection Criteria

In order to be eligible for the scholarship students must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility Criteria Applications:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Have been accepted into an academic major in the areas of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources offered by the College of Agriculture and Environmental (CAES) at NC A&T State University.
3. Will be enrolled at NC A&T State University in the CAES academic major of interest no later than one year after the date of acceptance.
4. Intend to pursue a career in the food, agricultural, or natural resource related areas.
5. Have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20.
6. Be enrolled as a full-time student in a CAES academic major, which is defined as being registered for a minimum of twelve hours on a semester basis, in courses outlined in the respective program of study, and approved by the student's academic advisor for the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year.

In addition to the above criteria, the following application documents are required, based upon level of entry:

Supporting Documents for High School Applications –

1. Privacy Act Advisory Statement and Release Form;
2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
3. Biographical Questionnaire;
4. Current Resume;
5. 500-800-word essay describing the applicant's interest and intent to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences or related fields;
6. Current official transcript with the school's seal and/or signature of an authorized school official (preferably through the most recent quarter/semester);
7. Letter of recommendation from High School Counselor;
8. Letter of recommendation from High School Teacher; and
9. Signed and dated application (including the signature of the parent or guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18).

Eligible Majors:

The CAES offers the following baccalaureate degree programs and corresponding concentrations, which comprise the eligible majors for this scholarship.

Degree Program	Concentrations/Cognates
1. Animal Science	Animal Industry
2. Laboratory Animal Science	N/A
3. Landscape Architecture	N/A
4. Family and Consumer Science	Fashion Design and Merchandising, Consumer Science
5. Agricultural and Environmental Systems	Environmental Studies, Sustainable Land and Food Systems
6. Food and Nutritional Sciences	Food Science, Human Nutrition
7. Agricultural Education	Secondary Education, Agricultural Professional Service
8. Biological Engineering	Bioprocess Engineering, Natural Resources Engineering Track
9. Child Development and Family Studies	Child Development and Family Relations, Birth-Kindergarten

Application Deadline

All applications materials must be postmarked no later than **March 29, 2024** and to the attention of:

Dr. Antoine Alston
111 Webb Hall,
1601 East Market Street
NC A&T State University
Greensboro, NC 27411

Selection Process

The selection process consists of a holistic review of the applicant's total packet. Any application packet with missing items will not be reviewed.

PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with this request for information. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements for this Act, please be advised:

1. Furnishing the information requested is voluntary.
2. The data will be used for selection of 1890 National Program, printing certificates, and related activities.
3. The data is maintained in a privacy act system as defined by National Archives and Records Administration under OMB.
4. Failure to complete this form will mean you cannot be included among those candidates being considered for this scholarship.

I, _____ understand that I am a candidate for the **NC A&T State University 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program**, have read the Privacy Act Advisory Statement, and affirm my wish to be considered. In the event I am selected as a Scholar, permission is hereby given for the release of materials submitted by me for the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NC A&T State University as deemed appropriate for purposes of the scholarship program.

I further consent to the release of photographs that may be taken of me, by or for the U.S. Department of Agriculture NC A&T State University. I am (check one) willing unwilling to appear on radio and/or television if such arrangements are made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or NC A&T State University .

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Original signatures only. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Candidate’s Biographical Questionnaire (Please Print)

The following questions are designed to collect information about your background, your interests, and your plans. Your answers to these questions will be used only in connection with your application for this scholarship program and will be divulged only to qualified persons who must see them during their duties.

A. Biographical Information

Legal Name

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Sex: Male Female

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

U.S. Citizen Yes No

Telephone (Home) _____

Telephone (Cell) _____ Email Address _____

B. Education

Name of Current High School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

GPA (on a 4.0 unweighted scale) _____

Note: Grade point averages should match supporting documentation submitted by counselor. Do not apply if you do not meet these criteria.

1. List any other schools that you attended in the last 4 years. List the schools in order of attendance, with the one you attended most recently listed first.

Name of school	Location (City & State)	Dates of Attendance

2. List any advanced or special program, courses, or summer courses you have taken. List the most recent course or program first.

Course or Program	Name of School	Address	Dates of Attendance	Hours per Week

3. What course of study (major) will you pursue?

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Other Related Discipline/Unlisted Major (Please Identify):

4. Have you made career decisions related to agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences or related disciplines?

Yes No

If yes, please explain below:

C. Activities

1. List extracurricular activities in which you have participated in school or in the community (i.e. academic activities such as 4-H, FFA, debate, sports, music, art, etc.).

Activity	Dates of Participation	Office(s) Held	Special Award(s)

2. List volunteer and paid positions you have held in the past 4 years (including summer employment).

Volunteer or Paid Positions	Employer/Organization	Date of Service or Employment	Hours per Week	Special Award(s)

D. Candidates Self-Assessment

1. Please list your hobbies and how each plays a role in your personal development.
2. Describe activities in which you had a leadership role in your school or in your community.
3. Describe a recent experience that has given you a sense of satisfaction or pride.
4. Briefly discuss why have you chosen to study agricultural, or a related discipline.

Review this form to make sure you have answered all questions completely. Proofread your responses.

I certify that I have completed this application and that all statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement could eliminate me from consideration for this scholarship.

Print your Legal Name:

Applicant's Signature:

Date Signed:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Print Name (Parent or Legal Guardian): Note: If the applicant is a child, under the age of 18, parental or legal guardian signature is required.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Date Signed:

Note: This form and all other application materials must be postmarked by March 29, 2024.

F. Secondary/Post-Secondary School Record (for counselor)

The applicant’s official secondary school transcript (with seal and signature by an authorized official), including grades 9 through 12 must be attached to this section of the application.

Note: If the applicant is enrolled in official college courses (i.e. dual degree), please submit an official transcript from the college as well.

Applicant’s Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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Counselor’s Printed Name

Counselor’s Signature

Date

This form along with the candidate’s official school transcript must be included in the application package. The complete application package(s) must be postmarked **by March 29, 2024.**

**NC A&T State University CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program
Secondary School Report School Teacher Assessment Report**

The application for the NC A&T State University 1890 Agricultural Scholarship Program requires a carefully considered character and ability assessment by a teacher who knows the student well, including a summary of other teachers' judgments of the student.

Applicant's Full Name

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
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A. Name of Teacher

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix
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Address	Phone Number
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B. Length of Relationship _____

C. Considering this student's interests, work habits, and life goals, what is your assessment as to whether the student will be motivated to take advantage of the opportunities available in college? Please give reasons for your assessment.

D. What special features are a part of your school’s curriculum (e.g., AP and honors courses, college study, and independent study)? Has the student taken advantage of the most challenging opportunities your school has to offer?

E. Has the student shown exceptional talent or originality in agriculture, food sciences, natural resource sciences, and/or other related disciplines?

Yes No

Please explain in this section:

Strengthens:

Weaknesses:

F. Sometimes, special circumstances should be considered when evaluating a student's achievement records. If in your opinion, this student may have been disadvantaged by any such circumstances, please specify. *Additional pages may be attached if needed. *

G. Indicate comments made by teachers about the student relative to the following:

1. Participation in discussion:

- Always involved, often initiates discussion
- Occasionally participates
- Seldom participates
- Not applicable

2. Involvement in classroom activities:

- Active, usually shows genuine interest
- Mild, politely attentive
- Unenergetic
- Seldom participates

3. Pursuit of independent study:

- Considerable study and major project(s)
- Some study and minor project(s)
- No evidence of independent study
- Not applicable

4. Evenness of performance:

- Even, varies no more than one mark Slightly uneven
- Uneven, often carries two marks
- Erratic fluctuates greatly
- Inadequate opportunity to observe

5. Critical and questioning attitude:

- Often challenges
- Occasionally probes
- Rarely questions
- Not applicable

6. Depth of understanding:

- Excellent insight
- Good understanding
- Some insight
- Little understanding
- Not applicable

7. Personal responsibility:

- Always accepts fully
- Usually accepts fully
- Sometimes refuses
- Often refuses

8. Consideration for others:

- Always considerate of others' rights and feelings
- Usually considerate
- Sometimes inconsiderate
- Often inconsiderate

9. Population of the community in which your school is located:

- Less than 500
- 500 – 1,500
- 1,500 – 5,000
- 5,000 – 25,000
- 25,000 – 100,000
- Over 100,000

10. What economic or social conditions characterize the community and most of the parents of the children in your school?

- Rural farming area
- Industrial Small
- Large city,
- Metropolitan area
- Other _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Date _____

This form and the candidate's transcript must be included in the student's application package. The complete application packages must be postmarked by **March 29, 2024**.

**NC A&T State University CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program
Application Checklist**

- I have read the eligibility requirements and meet all eligibility criteria.
- I am submitting an original application and transcript.
- I completed the Candidate's Biographical Information section.
- I have included and signed the Secondary School Report from my high school counselor and explained the need to have all official transcripts with a seal.
- I have included the signed School Teacher Assessment.
- I have signed and dated the application (**original signature only**). If under the age of 18 years old, parents or guardians have signed my application.
- I have enclosed the 500-800-word essay.
- I understand that the full application package must be postmarked no later than **March 29, 2024** for consideration for the NC A&T State University CAES 1890 Agricultural Scholars Program.