



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leader and Academic Scholarship. AFA is a not for profit organization whose mission is to create partnerships that identify, encourage and support outstanding young men and women preparing for careers in the agriculture and food industry. AFA provides a network of partnerships in order to help students succeed with academics, leader training and internships. Becoming an AFA Leader and Academic scholar is more than receiving a scholarship; it is entering a network to support your future development as a leader in the agriculture and food industry. This award provides for a \$3,200 academic scholarship as well as \$1,000 leader development award to attend the AFA Leaders Conference the fall of your freshman year of college.

To be considered for an AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship, please visit www.agfuture.org/scholarships. Here, you can read more about the AFA Community Scholarships, as well as other scholarships AFA offers. Follow the “Apply Now” button to access the application. You will be asked to write three 100-300 word essays on your personal vision for agriculture and how you plan to contribute through your chosen career in the agriculture and food industry. Please note that your application is not complete until you continue through the last page of the application and receive an email confirmation. The Cooper County AFA application deadline is **February 20, 2018**.

If you wish to be considered for the Leader and Academic Scholarship provided by Cooper County, Missouri, please request one academic/school letter of recommendation, two personal/professional letters of recommendation, an official transcript and documentation of your ACT/SAT score to be sent by mail to the following by February 20, 2018: Edwards Jones, Attn: Lance Reynolds, P.O. Box 111, Boonville, MO 65233. Telephone: 660-882-6124. This is in addition to completing the application online as outlined above.

Applying for an AFA Community Scholarship online also makes you eligible for an AFA National Leader and Academic Scholarship; however you may only receive either a local or national award.

Questions concerning the online application can be directed to AFA staff member Johnna Wallingford at Johnna.wallingford@agfuture.org.

Thanks for your interest in AFA.