Scholarship Announcement

ND Soybean Council Graduate Student Scholarship

The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources is now accepting nominations for ND Soybean Council* Graduate Student Scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded to two graduate students who meet the criteria listed below under “Eligibility.”

*The North Dakota Soybean Council is a state agency (North Dakota Century Code 4.1-11) that invests in research so that growers get the information they need to realize better quality, greater yields, better pest and disease control, and expanded market options.

PURPOSE: The purpose of these scholarships is to expedite ongoing soybean studies, provide trained professionals who can ensure the continuing vitality of the ND soybean industry, and encourage students to pursue studies on soybeans and their production.

AMOUNT: Funding for the scholarships will be made in two installments. The first installment of $2000 will be awarded in the fall semester. The second installment of $2000 will be awarded in the spring semester upon full approval by the ND Soybean Council Board of Directors and following successful completion of the below stated criteria.

ELIGIBILITY: It is understood that recipients of this scholarship will meet the following criteria:

1. Be properly enrolled as a graduate student in good standing in a program administered by the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources at North Dakota State University
2. Be pursuing a M.S. or Ph.D. research-based program of study in plant sciences, plant pathology, soil science, entomology, cereal science or agribusiness and applied economics
3. Be a US citizen
4. Be active in ag-related campus or community activities
5. Be involved in some aspect of production research that would benefit the soybean industry

Departments/Schools may nominate more than one student, but previous recipients are not eligible. Each nomination must include the following:

a. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member or chair of the department/director of the school
b. Letter from the nominee describing his/her research and how it would benefit the soybean industry
c. Resume/cv
d. Transcript (issued to student is acceptable)
Note: The Council takes a broad view of soybean production. Students may also be involved in agricultural systems that include soybean (crop rotation, weed management, soil conservation/fertility/health), symbionts, water management, machinery/storage, etc. However, the relationship to soybean must be clearly stated in the student’s statement.

To be eligible for the second installment, each scholarship recipient must present the following during the December board meeting of the ND Soybean Council:

a. A written report explaining their research and the benefits to soybean producers
b. An oral presentation on the information contained in the written report

SELECTION: Final selection will be administered by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources who will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the nominations.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 26, 2018.
Submit nominations to Linda McCaw (Morrill 307)