

MAAE Scholarship Toward Professional Improvement

The purpose of this scholarship program is to provide teachers of agriculture with an incentive to upgrade their knowledge and skills. Scholarships may be used for those members electing to pursue graduate credit *or* workshop / continuing education hours. The scholarship fund is administered by the MAAE.

1. Application forms shall be distributed to the MAAE membership.
2. Completed applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis with applications due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Applications must be submitted to the Professional Development Coordinator.
3. There are two options available for MAAE members to participate in the MAAE Professional Improvement program:
 - a) Applicants must enroll in the University of Minnesota, Minnesota State College or University System, or other land grant institutions in courses in agricultural education, technical agriculture or other course work acceptable of a graduate degree program.
 - b) Applicants must attend an educational, non-credit generating workshop that will enhance their knowledge and skill of agriculture subject matter. The workshop must award continuing education credit or hours. In addition, the applicant must provide proof of personal, non-reimbursed payment for workshop.

Applicants must be MAAE members during the eligible term of the scholarship.

4. The past president, president and professional development coordinator shall determine the number and amount of scholarships based on the funds available.
5. Scholarship funds will be paid when the course work or workshop is completed. The scholarships will be as follows: one semester credit or workshop will be awarded the cost of the tuition and required fees or workshop registration fee up to \$300, two semester credits will be awarded up to \$600. Individual are limited to one scholarship per 12 month period.
6. A maximum of one year is allowed for completion of the course work.
7. Recipients must submit a grade slip or transcript as evidence of successful completion to the MAAE Treasurer to receive all payments. Members who elect to use scholarship funds for non-credit professional improvement must submit evidence of payment and attendance.



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Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

School: _____ MAAE Region: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Years Taught: In Present School _____ In MN _____ Total _____

Do You Have a Contract Next Year? Yes No

(Explain on a separate sheet of paper)

Please Indicate the Scholarship Option You are Applying for:

1 Semester Credit Workshop 2 Semester Credits

Are you working towards an advanced degree? Yes No

If yes, what is your major? _____

If you are planning to enroll in a graduate course, what class(es) do you plan to take?

What College or University do you plan to study at?

If planning to attend a workshop (non-credit), what workshop(s) do you plan to attend? Who is the sponsor?

Have you previously received an MAAE scholarship? Yes No

If so, when? _____

List any other scholarships you have recently received or applied for:

Briefly explain your school's policy toward further education:

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

Describe the major aspects of your Agriculture Education Program.

Describe how this course work/workshop may help you improve your Ag-Ed program.

What are your plans toward further education and study?

Are there special circumstances which the committee should be aware of regarding your need for funds to attend school or workshop?

If awarded this scholarship, I will use it for the purpose of professional development.

(Signature)

(Date)

Send completed application to:

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MAAE
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