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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas have partnered to offer two \$1,500 Homegrown by Heroes academic scholarships. This is the third year for the scholarship program. The scholarship is designed to support Arkansas veterans and currently-serving military personnel, their spouses, or children who are pursuing an agricultural or an agricultural-related degree and planning a career in the agriculture industry. Scholarships will be awarded by April 30, 2020.

The Homegrown by Heroes scholarship is affiliated with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Homegrown by Heroes program that helps farmer veterans market their local agricultural products by labeling them as veteran-produced. Homegrown by Heroes members and their children are given preference in scholarship selection, but membership is not required. For more information about the Homegrown by Heroes program, visit <https://arkansasgrown.org/homegrown-by-heroes/>.

## Eligibility

- U.S. military veterans (with proof of DD-214), and currently serving U.S. military personnel (with proof of CAC ID card). The children and spouses of these individuals also qualify (preference will be given to veterans and currently serving personnel).
- Current or prior service in any branch of the U.S. military, including National Guard and Reserves, qualifies.
- Must be an Arkansas resident, with a current Arkansas address.
- Full-time undergraduate enrollment for fall 2020 at an accredited college, university or trade school program is required. Full-time status is defined by the institution the applicant attends or plans to attend.
- Plans to pursue an agriculture degree, or ag-related trade certification.
- 3.0 GPA for graduating high school seniors, and minimum ACT score of 18. Must provide final high school transcript and ACT score verification.
- 2.5 GPA for current college or trade program students. Official transcript is required.

## Selection Process

1. Application deadline is March 16, 2020.
2. Selection based on academic achievement, community leadership, extracurricular participation, financial need and family circumstances.
3. Preference given to Arkansas Homegrown by Heroes members, spouses and their children.
4. Scholarship recipients will be notified by late April.

**2020 APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE March 16, 2020 (5:00 PM)**

For application to be considered complete, you must:

**1. Return the completed application form**

**2. Attach a resume detailing:**

- Academic achievements and awards
- Community service and/or volunteer work
- School and/or community leadership
- Work experience

**3. Attach transcript(s):**

- Graduating high school senior, only
  - final high school transcript
  - ACT score certification
- Current college or trade school student, only
  - Official transcript with current GPA

Submit applications to:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Karen Reynolds  
#1 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County you live in: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

High School you are graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (minimum 3.0 required) \_\_\_\_\_

ACT score (minimum 18 required) \_\_\_\_\_

School you plan to attend, fall of 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS (with at least one full year of school remaining):**

Current college, university or trade school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend, fall of 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation month/year: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (minimum 2.5 required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Personnel Information:**

Service Member name (if other than yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Service member \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status \_\_\_\_\_

Current military? CAC ID card # \_\_\_\_\_ (do NOT send copy of card)

Prior service military? **Attach copy of DD-214, member copy #4**

**Please answer the questions below (attached a separate page if needed):**

