



Graduate Agricultural Education Licensure Scholarship 2025-2026

- Deadline** Applications must be submitted online by October 15, 2025.
- Purpose** The purpose of the MAELC Graduate Agricultural Education Licensure scholarship program is to provide financial support for students completing a graduate level program to become an agriculture teacher. With a shortage of high school agriculture teachers, there is a tremendous need in Minnesota and nationally for more students to be licensed in Agricultural Education.
- Eligibility** Applicant must be a current University of Minnesota-Twin Cities graduate student enrolled in an Initial or Additional Licensure program in Agricultural Education and be completing their student-teaching in Spring 2026. Applicants who are firmly committed to teaching agricultural education in Minnesota should apply for this scholarship.
- Selection** A MAELC committee will review applications and select scholarship winners. Selection criteria includes academic merit, passion, and commitment to become an agricultural education teacher as well as financial need.
- Funding** Scholarships awarded up to \$2,500/recipient. Scholarship awards will be transferred directly into student accounts in January 2026 and may affect recipients' financial aid packages.
- Materials** The application will require answering essay questions and providing an unofficial transcript and resume.
- Tips When Applying**
- Applications are reviewed for both content AND quality.
 - Focus responses on your current intentions related to becoming an agriculture teacher. Be sure to add information about your plans to use your agricultural education degree after graduation.
 - Remember that those reviewing the application do not know you. Think about what you want the committee to know as to why you are deserving of this scholarship.

Application Apply online at <http://mn.gov/maelc/scholarships.html> by October 15, 2025. Please be prepared to answer the following questions (up to 300-word limit per question):

1. What inspired you to choose the agricultural education teaching profession as your career path?
2. How are you paying for your education? (work, loans, scholarships, family, etc.) Are there any special circumstances or issues you would like the committee to know?
3. If you are a full-time graduate student, what are your career plans after graduating with an Agricultural Education degree? If currently teaching, instead please describe your continued career plans. Specify how your studies at the University of Minnesota relate to your plan.

*****Please submit an unofficial transcript and your resume with this application.*****

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