2015 ARC Scholarship Program Application

Application Materials

The Agricultural Relations Council (ARC) will award one $1,500 fall semester scholarship (2015-2016 academic year,) to undergraduate college students pursuing a career in agricultural communications such as, but not limited to, working for agribusiness companies, marketing communications agencies, national/state/regional commodity or general farm organizations and other positions that that promote agriculture.

1. To qualify, students must major or minor in ag communications with the intent of using his/her communication skills as part of a career path. The applicant also must demonstrate an interest in using this course of study in the field of communications on a regular basis.

2. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above and a 3.0 in the major area of study (based on a 4.0 scale). Students enrolled in the fall of 2014 can apply for the scholarship. Eligibility, as determined by the ARC Board of Directors, extends to four-year programs for students attending institutions that offer programs in ag communications.

3. The scholarship will be awarded through the bursar's office at the recipient's college or university.

DEADLINE: This application and all supplemental materials must be emailed no later than March 1, 2015. Application materials should be emailed to:

Barb Ulschmid, ARC
barbulschmid@gandgcomm.com

The recipients will be notified by April 15, 2015. If you have any questions, please call Den Gardner/Barb Ulschmid/Kristy Mach at 952-758-5811, e-mail arc@gandgcomm.com or refer to the association's web site at www.agrelationscouncil.org.

ARC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please Note: All scholarship entries are to be submitted online to barbulschmid@gandgcomm.com, titled “ARC Scholarship.”

With this application, please include all the following:

1. REFERENCES: Two academic/professional references. (Include letters of recommendation with this application.)

2. Applications must be typed vs. hand-written

3. WRITING/EDITING SAMPLE: One sample of writing prepared for a publication or online or materials created for promotion/publicity/corporate communications purposes (e.g., news release, brochure copy, ag blogging or similar-type writing samples).
4. ESSAY: 500 words or less describing your career goals and how you intend to use communications in your work life. Please describe:

   a) How you became interested in the agricultural industry.
   b) Your written and verbal communications experience and what you bring to the field.
   c) Your professional goals.

5. RESUME

6. TRANSCRIPT: Listing of college classes completed or a listing of ag communications classes and grades signed by your instructor.

I understand this application will be used for the selection of ARC scholarship recipient. All applications will remain the property of the Scholarship Committee. All information I have given is factual and truthful.

Name__________________________________________
Signature _______________________________________
How did you hear of this scholarship? _____________________________

ARC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Where can we reach you in April?

Full Name _______________________________________
Address _______________________________________
Phone ___________________ (cell) Phone _________________(parents or guardians)
E-mail Address_______________________________
College _______________________________________
Major ___________________________ Anticipated graduation date _________________
GPA overall ___________________ GPA major _________________
Other colleges attended __________________________

Extracurricular activities __________________________

Honors and awards ______________________________

Communications-related employment (school publications, weekly newspapers, newsletter writing, internships, other) _________________________________

Home Address [of parent(s) or legal guardian]:
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