

APPLICATION FOR THE AL OPSATA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded by the Northwest Meat Processors Association

This completed application with all attachments is to be submitted by March 10, 2017, to the office of the Ron Richard, 875 Perimeter Drive MS 2140, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844.

Application Instructions:

Complete the following scholarship application by typing or use a PC to replicate the application form. Application criteria are weighted as indicated in parenthesis.

1. Prepare a typed 200-250 word essay outlining your career goals and the purpose for applying for the scholarship. Age, gender, race religion, national origin or financial need are not conditions of eligibility for any of the awards. (30%)
2. Provide a summary of your work experience, especially as related to the commercial meat industry, university meat lab employment and other food processing related work experiences. (30%)
3. Provide a list of university awards and honors received. (5%)
4. Provide a list of extracurricular activities that demonstrate intellectual growth, breadth of interests, talents and leadership qualities. (5%)
5. Include 2 letters of recommendation signed by faculty members and one letter from an industry representative familiar with your activities outside the university setting. The letter does not need to come from someone directly in the meat processing industry, but should be in a closely related field (e.g. live animal production, marketing). (10%)
6. Enclose official transcript copies of all university work. Highlight your cumulative GPA. Scholastics- must have a grade point average of at least 2.75 on a four-point scale. If cumulative GPA is not automatically printed on the transcript, please self-calculate and have your department chair initial. (20%)

PLEASE TYPE

Name _____

School Address

Home Address

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School and Department

Expected Degree and Major

_____	_____
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Indicate your current class standing __Sophomore __Junior

Along with this form, you must also enclose:

1. A copy of your transcripts of **ALL** college or university work completed to date. A typewritten summary of proposed courses you expect to take to complete your undergraduate curriculum.
2. A statement (essay) of career goals relative to the meat/poultry processing industry.
3. Two letters of recommendation signed by faculty members familiar with your work. These letters should include a general appraisal of the applicant's scholarship, extracurricular activities and character in relation to the purposes and eligibility requirements of the scholarship.
4. One letter of recommendation from an industry representative familiar with your activities outside the university setting. This letter does not need to come from someone directly in the meat processing industry, but they should be in a closely related field (e.g. livestock production, marketing)
5. List of University/College awards and honors.
6. List of extracurricular activities that demonstrate intellectual growth, breadth of interests, talents and leadership qualities.

The Department Head/Chair of your school must execute the following statement:

_____ is acceptable to this department and I hereby certify the applicant's curriculum is as listed on the following pages.

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct. I further agree that if I withdraw from school, transfer to an unqualified curriculum, school or department or receive my B.S. degree during the tenure of this scholarship (if granted), the unused balance is forfeitable to NWMPA and I shall so notify the Executive Director of the Association within 30 days.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

All unsolicited enclosures will be discarded. Incomplete applications, late submittals or grades not given in an A=4.00 system will be cause for disqualification.