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2009 -Application

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SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Program Description

The 2009 Scholarship program administered by the Directors of the NMA Scholarship Foundation includes several scholarships. The number of awards to be presented this year is at the discretion of the Directors.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Frank DeBenedetti Memorial Scholarship, One (1)-----	\$2500
Edie Schmidt NMA Memorial Scholarship, One (1)-----	\$2000
Al Piccetti NMA Memorial Scholarship, One (1)-----	\$2000
Lou Gast NMA Memorial Scholarship, One (1)-----	\$2000
NMA Undergraduate Scholarships, One (1) or more-----	\$2000 each

In addition, each awardee who attends the National Meat Association 64th Annual Convention, which is to be held February 2010 in Indian Wells, California, will receive a \$500 travel award and certificate.

AWARDS

All NMA Scholarships will be distributed on or about September 1, 2009 through the university’s Financial Aid Officer of the recipient’s college or university in the student’s account. Upon receiving each payment we ask the Financial Aid Officer to verify registration of the scholarship awardees.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Sophomore/Junior/Senior program is to encourage exemplary undergraduate students to continue to pursue a curriculum leading to a B.S. in Animal, Meat, Food Science or related discipline.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply for an NMA Scholarship Foundation award.

1. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors pursuing an approved program in Animal Science, Meat Science, Food Science or related discipline at an accredited educational institution are eligible.
2. Applicants must be attending 4-year colleges or universities with either Animal, Meat or Food Science departments.
3. **Applicants must have a cumulative 2.75 Grade Point Average (GPA) (A = 4.00) to apply.**
4. Applicants must have the recommendation of both the department head and a faculty member familiar with their work.
5. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an approved program at the time the scholarship becomes effective. Freshmen who apply must be sophomores at the time the scholarship becomes effective.
6. Applicants who receive an award must remain enrolled in the approved major and university during the term of their scholarship. Awardees who withdraw from school or transfer to another major during the term of their scholarship must return the unused balance of the award to the NMA Scholarship Foundation.

7. Senior Students must enroll as undergraduates for two consecutive semesters (or equivalent) beyond the effective date, (September 1, 2009) of the scholarship.
8. **It is the policy of the NMA Scholarship Foundation to bar recipients in any one year from being eligible for two consecutive years.**

Financial need, age, gender, or national origin are not conditions of eligibility for any of the awards.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES - STUDENTS

1. All scholarship categories share the same application form. Students may obtain an application form from their department heads, faculty members or NMA Scholarship website, *www.nmascholars.org*.
2. Completed Applications must be submitted to the NMA Scholarship Foundation Office by **May 1, 2009**. **NMA Scholarship Foundation, 1970 Broadway, Suite 825, Oakland, CA 94612.**
3. Applicants must provide all information and attachments required in the application. Incomplete application will not be considered. Additional materials are not permitted and may disqualify your application.
4. Grades for completed courses must be based on the **A=4.0 GPA**.

Failure to comply with application procedures, late submittals or incomplete applications may result in disqualification of your application.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Scholarship applications are not annually renewed. Each student must submit a complete new application with all required attachments for each program year.
2. Scholarship recipients may retain awards upon transfer to another school provided that the transfer is to an approved Animal/Meat or Food Science program and that the department head at the new school verifies enrollment by writing to the NMA Scholarship Foundation.

NOTIFICATION

1. Applicants will be notified in writing by mail of scholarship awards. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 31, 2009.
2. To receive awards recipients must send written acceptance to the NMA Scholarship Foundation.



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Awards

Frank DeBenedetti Memorial Scholarship,

Edie Schmidt, Al Piccetti & Lou Gast NMA Undergraduate Memorial Scholarships,

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NMA Undergraduate Scholarship

1.
 - a) One Frank DeBenedetti Memorial Scholarship (\$2500.00) will be awarded to an undergraduate attending a four year college or university.
 - b) One Edie Schmidt, One Al Piccetti & One Lou Gast NMA Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship (\$2000.00) will be awarded to an undergraduate student attending a four year college or university.
 - c) Several NMA Undergraduate Scholarships (\$2000.00) will be awarded to an undergraduate student attending a four year college or university.

Each scholarship recipient who attends the National Meat Association 64th Annual Convention, which will be held February 2010, in Indian Wells, California, will receive a \$500.00 travel award and certificate.

2. Scholarship applicants must be majoring in Animal, Meat or Food Sciences with an orientation towards post harvest and processing meat food products.
3. Scholarship awards are based on the following:
 - a) **Scholastics** - Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (A= 4.0) and at the time of application submission. The recipients must maintain a 2.75 GPA with a minimum course load of 12-units per semester, (or the equivalent) and remains in good academic standing during the term of the scholarship.
 - b) **Work Experience and Career Goals** - Applicants career plans and work experience should be directed towards working in or for the meat industry preferably in post harvest production.
 - c) **Other Activities** - Applicants should cite activities that demonstrate leadership qualities, intellectual growth and breadth of interest.
4. **It is the policy of the NMA Scholarship Foundation to bar recipients in any one year from being eligible for two consecutive years.**
5. A selection committee of current Animal, Meat and Food Science university faculty will evaluate applications and recommend recipients to the NMA Foundation's Board of Directors who will then approve the selection.
6. **Completed applications must be received by the NMA Scholarship Foundation office on or before May 1, 2009. NMA Scholarship Foundation, 1970 Broadway, Suite 825, Oakland, CA 94612.**

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Application Instructions

Complete the attached scholarship application. Application criteria are weighted as indicated in parentheses.

1. Career Goals Essay

Prepare a typed 300-350 word essay outlining your career goals and future endeavors. The essay should focus on how these goals and career objective might pertain to or benefit post harvest and production of meat food products. The essay should also include your reason for applying for the scholarship *other than financial need*. **Financial need, age, gender, race, religion or national origin are not conditions for eligibility.** Essays highlighting these as reasons for applying may be marked down by the selection committee. **(25%)**

2. Work Experience

Provide a summary of your work experience, especially as it relates to the commercial meat industry, university meat lab employment, and other food processing related work experience. **(25%)**

3. Awards and Honors

Provide a list of university awards and honors received. **(5%)**

4. Extracurricular Activities

Provide a list of extracurricular activities that demonstrate intellectual growth, breadth of interests, talents and leadership qualities. **(5%)**

5. Faculty Letter of Recommendation

Include a letter of recommendation signed by a faculty member. **(10%)**

6. Official Transcript

Enclose official transcript copies of all university work. Scholastic-Applicants must have maintained a minimum **GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 = A Scale**. *Highlight* cumulative GPA. If cumulative GPA is not automatically printed on transcript please self-calculate and have your department head initial **(20%)**

7. List of Completed and Current Courses

Provide a typed list of all university level course completed and your current enrollment. Give subject category, course number and course title for each course. (*i.e. Chemistry, Chem-221, Introduction to Organic Chemistry.*) **(5%)**

8. Pending Courses

Provide a typed list of all additional course work required for completion of your undergraduate curriculum. **(5%)**

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This completed application with all required attachments, (See Application Instructions), must be received by NMA Scholarship Foundation Office by May 1, 2009.

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All unsolicited materials, including photos, cover sheets and folders, will be discarded. Incomplete applications, late submittals, applications that do not meet the **2.75 - GPA minimum** requirement, or grades not submitted in the A = 4.00 system will be cause for disqualification.

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____ CITIZENSHIP _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER

PUBLICATION NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ FAX _____

4-YEAR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

SCHOOL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

EXPECTED DEGREE _____ MAJOR _____

CURRENT CLASS YEAR _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

The department head must execute the following statement: (Applicant's name) _____
is acceptable to this department and I hereby certify the applicants's curriculum is as listed on the following pages.

DEPT. HEAD NAME: _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I hereby certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct. I further agree that if I withdraw from school, transfer to and unqualified curriculum, school or department, or receive a B.S. or B.A. degree during the term of this scholarship (if granted), that the unused balance is forfeitable to the NMA Foundation, and shall notify the NMA Foundation Office in Oakland, California within 30-days.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____