

Benson Agriculture and Food Scholarship Application

Section 1: Personal Information

Last name		First and middle names	
Home address		City	Date of birth (Month/Day/Year)
State or province		Country	Postal code
Email		Phone number with country and city codes	
Name of additional contact (family, friend or Church leader)		Additional contact's phone number with country and city codes	
Name of full-time mission		Dates of service (Month/Year)	
Marital status ☐ Single ☐ Married	While attending school I will be working ☐ Yes ☐ No	Number of dependent family members	

Section 2: School Information

Name of school		
School address		
Course of study	Type of program (degree, diploma, certificate)	
Date classes begin	Date tuition and fees are due	Expected date of graduation
Name of school official that can be contacted	Contact's phone number (include country/city codes)	Contact's email

I have received a Perpetual Education Fund (PEF) loan ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, I am current on my loan payments. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 3: My Personal Commitments

(By checking the boxes below you confirm your understanding and willingness to fulfil these commitments.)

- ☐ I will be self-reliant and use available money from work, savings, family or other sources to help pay for my education.
- ☐ I will request only the funds needed so as many people as possible may benefit from the scholarship fund.
- ☐ I will attend classes and complete assignments and exams.
- ☐ I will attend Church meetings regularly.
- ☐ I will attend Institute of Religion classes if available (for applicants who are young single adults).
- ☐ I will provide updates on my academic progress as requested.

With this signature I certify that the information provided in this application is complete, accurate and truthful. I also authorize The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its affiliates ("the Church") the option to publish my image along with my story of a successful academic career in Church publications and websites.

Applicant's signature	Date
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These essays are an important part of your application. Please take time to organize your thoughts and carefully communicate your education and career plans (Section 4), a personal story (Section 5), and your financial needs (Section 6).

Section 4: Education and Career Plan Essay

Describe your goals and how an education in agriculture or a related field will help you achieve them. (At least 100 words. Please print.)

Section 5: Personal Essay

Share a personal story that shows that you are willing to work hard and do your best in school and your career. (At least 100 words. Please print.)

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Section 6: Financial Need Essay

Please explain your current financial situation and why you need this scholarship. (At least 100 words. Please print.)

Section 7: Financial Information

Financial Worksheet Instructions

Complete this section and then have your bishop or branch president review and approve it.

1. Each row represents one year of study. Fill out 1 row for each year you will be in school.
2. Each column represents a cost of going to school. List the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies, and other costs in your local currency in each space provided in columns A, B, and C.
3. Indicate the total of these costs for each year of study in column D.
4. List the amounts you are able to pay in column E.
5. Subtract the amount you can pay in column E from the totals in D and put the remaining amounts in column F.
6. Add all the amounts in column F and put the total amount you are requesting for your scholarship in the box at the bottom of column F.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Tuition	Fees	Books and Supplies	Other (explain below)	Total Costs (A+B+C+D)	What I am able to pay	Scholarship Amount Requested (E-F)
Year 1							
Year 2							
Year 3							
Year 4							
						Total requested for all years	

If you include amounts for "Other" costs, please explain:

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Section 8: Ecclesiastical Endorsements – Bishop or Branch President and Stake or Mission President

Instructions: This page must be completed by your bishop or branch president and stake or mission president. If you are a relative, please have another member of the bishopric or branch presidency or stake or mission presidency fill out the form.

Bishop or Branch President Information (This section should be completed by your bishop or branch president.)

Bishop's or branch president's name	Phone number with country and city codes
Ward or branch	Stake or district

1. Gospel Commitment

Please visit with the applicant regarding his or her commitment to the gospel. Given that this scholarship is designated for worthy members of the Church, do you feel that this applicant is deserving of these funds and is striving to live Church teachings?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Financial Resources

Please review the financial section (section 4) and confirm that these amounts accurately reflect the applicant's financial situation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Financial Need

Do you feel the applicant is in need of financial assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional comments:

Bishop's or branch president's signature	Date
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Stake or District President Information (This section should be completed by your stake or district president.)

Stake or district president's name	Phone number with country and city codes
Stake or district	

1. Gospel Commitment

Please visit with the applicant regarding his or her commitment to the gospel. Given that this scholarship is designated for worthy members of the Church, do you feel that this applicant is deserving of these funds and is striving to live according to the commandments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Financial Need

Do you feel that the applicant is in need of financial assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional comments:

Stake president's or district president's signature	Date
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