

2026 Oregon Seed League Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student in an Oregon college or university in any Ag Business-related field, including (but not limited to) crop science, agronomy, ag engineering, ag economics, entomology, pathology and diesel mechanics. Graduate and postgraduate students are not eligible. The recipient(s) will be selected by the Seed League Board or a scholarship committee appointed by the Seed League president. The recipient may be asked to attend a future Seed League Board meeting during the winter or spring to update the Directors on his/her progress and future plans as well as the Seed League Annual Meeting held in early December in Salem. One or more separate awards may be available. Each applicant will be eligible to receive only one award per year. The task of determining award recipients will be assigned to the Oregon Seed League Board (OSLB).

Student finalists will be selected by the OSLB prior to May 31; interviews for scholarships will be at the OSLB's discretion.

Oregon Seed League Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Student must be a student in an Oregon college or university (graduate and postgraduate students are not eligible).
2. Selection preference will be given to applicants who:
 - a. Are interested in or have a connection with the Oregon seed industry.
 - b. Show academic rigor.
 - c. Show a potential to make a contribution to the Oregon agricultural industry; preference will be given to those planning to be involved in the Oregon grass seed industry.
 - d. Are involved in outside activities that demonstrate leadership potential and desire to serve others, characteristics that the League values.
 - e. Are involved in activities supporting the Oregon grass seed industry.
3. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States.
4. Applications for scholarship must include responses to the application questionnaire, an essay of less than 500 words describing what the student would bring to the seed industry, a minimum of one letter of reference and college transcripts.
5. Prior years' scholarship recipients are eligible to receive an award. Application from a prior winner must include information on progress toward degree.

Application Selection:

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be the responsibility of the OSLB. The OSLB will consider only applicants who meet the above criteria and who have submitted a completed application prior to the March 1, 2026 deadline. The OSLB will determine if applications meet the required criteria and will set the time and location for the interviews as necessary.

OSLB will score applications using a subjective scoring matrix and reserves the right to limit the awards based on scored applications.

Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship awards will be determined annually by the OSLB and will be based on available funds as set by the OSLB. Awards will be made on an annual basis providing deserving candidate(s) are approved by the OSLB. In the event no suitable candidates are identified in a given year, no award will be made that year. The scholarship(s) shall be presented to the recipient's college financial aid office, as directed by the OSLB, by August 15 by check after the OSLB has made a final determination.

Scholarship Eligibility Restrictions:

Oregon Seed League Board members' family are encouraged to apply, but will not be eligible for an award if the Board member participates in the selection process.

Family members of Oregon Seed League staff are not eligible to win an award.

Family members are defined as spouses, children or step-children, grandchildren or step-grandchildren and siblings or step-siblings.

2026 OREGON SEED LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Qualifications: Any student who is a student in an Oregon college or university in any Ag Business-related field, including (but not limited to) crop science, agronomy, ag engineering, ag economics, entomology, pathology and diesel mechanics will receive selection preference. Graduate and postgraduate students are not eligible.

Please type or print legibly in dark ink. **Illegible applications will not be considered.** A copy of current college transcripts **must be** attached.

Application deadline March 1, 2026. Use this application form or go to the following website to complete a scholarship application form: www.seedleague.org/scholarship

Return applications to: Oregon Seed League, P.O. Box 3488, Salem, Oregon 97302

Applicant Information

Full Name:

_____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address:

_____ *Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Education

High School Attended: _____ City, State: _____

Year Graduated: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____

COLLEGE:

College (Current): _____

Address: _____

College 2025/26: _____

Address: _____

Cumulative College GPA: _____ Last Term College GPA: _____

Total expected college credits at end of this school year: _____

Mailing address during school year _____

Goals and Interests

Proposed major in college: _____

1. Please elaborate on your specific interest in the Seed Industry, where it comes from and your future goals:
2. List activities, honors, awards (include offices held, committees, clubs, and organizations).
An additional sheet may be used if more space is needed.

High School / College:

Community Activities:

Other:

3. On another sheet of paper, in no more than 500 words, please explain what you would bring to the Seed Industry.

Past Work Experience Related to the Agricultural or Seed Industry

Employer or supervisor:

From (date) *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Employer or supervisor:

From (date) *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Employer or supervisor:

From (date) *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Letters of Reference

Applicants must submit a minimum of one letter of reference. This/these letters may be included in the application or sent by the writer directly to:

*Oregon Seed League
P.O. Box 3488
Salem, OR 97302*

Disclaimer

I, the undersigned, certify that the above information is correct and grant my permission to the Oregon Seed League to release information from this application to scholarship donor agencies and the media.

Signature

Date