

Baton Rouge Area Foundation

ASPARAGUS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PURPOSE

The Asparagus Club was founded in 1909 to generate a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among members of the grocery industry. It has sought to unite all segments of the grocery industry – retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and state and national trade association executives. Over the last 15 years, the Asparagus Club has awarded more than \$850,000 in scholarships.

The Club's primary mission is fundraising for the Asparagus Club Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the Asparagus Club Scholarship Fund is to enhance the future of the grocery industry by investing in the education of needy and deserving young people who are pursuing a career in the grocery industry, especially the independent community focused retail and wholesale sector. The scholarship award is to be used toward tuition and fees.

The grocery industry is the world's largest industry, employing three out of every ten people who work in the United States. Become a part of this exciting and dynamic industry and enjoy a full and rewarding career. Join the professionals in three major areas of food distribution: retailing, wholesaling, and processing/manufacturing. The wide selection of challenging career opportunities offered in the grocery industry include supermarket management and ownership, convenience store management, advertising and public relations, computer technology, food safety, consumer affairs, food plant management, purchasing management, financial planning and traffic management.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Asparagus Club Scholarships are up to \$1,500 per semester (\$3000 per year) for up to two years for college sophomores and juniors and graduate students. A Scholarship Advisory Committee, composed of the members of the Asparagus Club, recommend the winners in June of each year. All applicants are notified of the results in early July. Checks will be mailed to each recipient's home and will be made payable to the student and the college or university. Recipients are responsible for delivering the checks to their college.

To maintain the scholarship, the recipient must continue to demonstrate his or her scholastic achievement by earning a **minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) each semester/quarter**. The recipient must also demonstrate good character. At the end of each semester/quarter, the recipient will provide the

Foundation with an **official transcript and proof of full time enrollment for the next semester/quarter**.
The subsequent scholarship check will be issued only upon receipt of these materials.

Should a recipient fail to meet the criteria in a given semester, the scholarship will be terminated. If the recipient has serious reason, he or she may make a written appeal to the committee for reconsideration.

CRITERIA

In making its decision, the Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the following criteria:

- The applicant must get a written referral from a professor in the food management and/or business school.
- The applicant must be a junior or senior in college or a graduate student
- The applicant must be a full-time student as defined by the institution they are attending
- The applicant must have financial need.
- The applicant must be pursuing an education in a career in the grocery industry.
- The applicant must have the ability to make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or a major in an academic discipline relevant to the grocery industry.

GUIDELINES

Each applicant must present to the Scholarship Advisory Committee the following by May 15:

- The completed application form.
- A statement of 250-500 words as to why you are pursuing a career within the grocery industry.
- A copy of the family's most recent Federal income tax form 1040 with signature.
- A letter of recommendation from a professor in the food management and/or business school, mailed directly to the selection and review committee.
- Your most recent official academic transcript.
 - ACT and/or SAT scores
 - It would be beneficial to list any job experience within the grocery industry and include a letter of recommendation from someone in the grocery industry.

QUESTIONS

Contact Rebecca Rubins, scholarship program officer, at (225) 381-7084 or toll free at (877) 387-6126.
You may also e-mail Rebecca at rrubins@braf.org or fax information to 225.387.6153.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

SSN:

Permanent Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

EDUCATION

Year of High School graduation:

Where graduated (circle one) USA Other

In the fall, you will be a college: Junior Senior Graduate student

College/University you are attending:

Major course of study:

Minor course of study:

List other colleges and universities you have attended and the dates:

Work Experience:

Employer's Name:

Year(s):

Hours/Week:

Position:

Employer's Name:

Year(s):

Hours/Week:

Position:

Employer's Name:

Year(s):

Hours/Week:

Position:

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Year:

Activity:

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Awards/Honors:

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you applied via the FAFSA for financial aid from your college next fall?

If YES, have you been awarded financial aid by your college?

If YES, indicate the type and amount here:

Pell Grant

State Grant

Institutional grants/scholarships

Subsidized Loans

Work Study

INCOME

The answers to these questions will be used to determine financial need in connection with the scholarship. Information should be taken from the most recently completed tax return of the parent claiming you as a dependant. If you are an independent student, your personal income information is needed.

Adjusted Gross Income on Federal Tax Return:

Number of dependent children in family:

Number of dependent children attending college in the fall:

If both parents reside at the same address, do they both work? Yes No

Is this a single parent family? Yes No

If you feel there are extenuating circumstances affecting your ability to pay for this student's education, please describe those circumstances below. You may enclose an attachment with the additional information.

VERIFICATION

I hereby declare that the information contained in this questionnaire is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Note: Make sure to include with this application all additional materials mentioned under the "Guidelines" section above.

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY SHEET

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

PERSONAL INFORMATION

School you are attending

Scholarship you are applying for

College or university you plan to attend

Social Security Number

**Complete application must be received
at the address below by May 15:**

Asparagus Club Scholarship Fund
402 N. Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802