



2023 Young Leader Scholarship Program Overview

The MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (MACA YLSP) is designed to expose future agriculturalists to the crop protection industry and future career opportunities. Recipients will benefit from exposure and networking with MACA members for potential job opportunities as well as financial compensation. MACA members benefit by developing a talent pool of future industry leaders and through the heightened awareness of MACA within the participating universities.

Candidates

Candidates will be top-potential collegiate sophomores or juniors with an educational focus on agriculture. Candidates must be enrolled at a university and plan to have a summer internship (2023) within agriculture, preferably within the crop protection industry. Additionally, the selected recipient is expected to attend the **MACA Annual Meeting September 5-7, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN** to participate and network with MACA members and to develop a deeper understanding of the crop protection industry.

Selection Process

MACA will notify the universities through their ag school's career services office via email announcing the program and explaining the goals. Then a MACA representative will follow-up with the academic/placement directors within each school for help identifying candidates, encouraging participation and to raise awareness for the program. Each respective university will create a "professor committee" to review the applications submitted from qualifying students and then submit up to three applications to MACA for review. Once the applications are submitted to MACA, the Industry Communications committee will review the applications and select one recipient for a \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded to each student via the university. (MACA will work with the universities to ensure the funding is provided to the student's account.) The decisions by MACA are final. Previous winners are not eligible. Winners will be notified by March 2023.

Participating Universities (14)

Colorado State University, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Michigan State University, University of Nebraska, North Dakota State University, Ohio State University, Purdue University, South Dakota State University, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri and University of Wisconsin.

Scholarship Application

Scholarship candidates will be required to submit the following:

- Brief Cover Letter stating what and where their summer Internship will be
 - If summer internship isn't secured by deadline, please provide a list of where you have applied and date you expect to be accepted.
- Application Letter/Essay – 500 words or less stating why they believe they are worthy of this opportunity
- Resume
- "Unofficial" Transcript

Scholarship

Up to 13 scholarships will be awarded annually (1 per state). Each scholarship will consist of:

- \$2,000 cash scholarship to be provided to the respective University for the scholarship recipient selected;
- Travel stipend to attend MACA Annual Meeting September 5-7, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN
- Opportunity to be on YLSP panel at the MACA Annual Meeting; and
- Participate in programs and networking with MACA members via zoom before the Annual Meeting and during the annual meeting; and
- Have MACA members as mentors.

Timeline

- **November 19, 2022** – nominations from universities due to MACA office
- Early February – MACA committee to select recipients
- Early March– Notify recipients selected for scholarship
- March – August – Programs and Networking with MACA members and speakers via Zoom
- September 5-7, 2023 – MACA Annual Meeting – Indianapolis, IN

Application

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Specific Requirements:

- Must plan to have completed at least 60 credit hours by December 2022 with an educational focus on agriculture.
- Must plan to have a summer internship (2023) within agriculture, *preferably within the crop protection industry.*

General Program Requirements:

- **GPA** – Must have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA while enrolled in college.
 - **Supply a completed application and updated resume November 19, 2022 to MACA.**
 - **MACA Annual Meeting** – Scholarship recipient **must** be available to attend the MACA Annual Meeting, September 5-7, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN (Travel and lodging expenses reimbursed by MACA.)
 - **Attend online presentations** from MACA members to learn about MACA and for career and professional development. One virtual presentation per month from April – August.
 - **Presentations** – Give two presentations on campus to be completed once you have attended the MACA Annual Meeting and before January 1, 2024. PowerPoint presentations, video clips, and handouts will be provided to you for the presentations. These presentations are meant to get more exposure for MACA, the Young Leaders Scholarship Program, and the overall Agricultural Industry.
 - **Application** – preferred typed, if not, handwriting must be neat and legible.
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Name:(Last, First MI) _____ Sex: ___ Male ___ Female

Student Number:_____ **Campus e-mail address:**_____

Non-campus email address: _____

Local Address:

Street:_____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Permanent Address:

Street:_____ City:_____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Planned number of college credit hours completed by December 31, 2022:

Major: _____

Minor: _____ Expected graduation date_____

Essay Questions

Why do you wish to participate in the MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP)? (500 words or less.)

What are your top three unique qualifications you have for the MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP)? (Be specific and provide examples)

Please indicate your immediate career goals following graduation. How do you expect the Young Leader Scholarship Program participation to impact your goals?

Please share any campus or community service.

Who is your 2023 summer internship program with? (Be specific – company name, location for work, and details of what you will be doing.) If summer internship isn't secured by November 19th, please provide information about which internships you have applied for with details and date expected to accept.

Is there anything else you would like to share regarding your interest and/or experiences in the MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program?

Please include your resume and “Unofficial” Transcript with your application.

*I agree, if selected, to participate fully and to attend the meetings as outlined above.
Also, I will provide a photo as a jpeg file and agree that my name and information in the application may be used in news releases for distribution.*

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Return this completed form, your resume and unofficial transcript to michelle@maca.org by November 19, 2022.