**NEXTGEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**STUDENT APPLICATION**

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**Selection Criteria for Eligibility**

* Be a U. S. citizen or U. S. legal resident.
* Be a student who has successfully completed the agricultural completer program offered by the WVDA and endorsed by the WVDA.
* Have been accepted into an academic major that can lead to future USDA employment.
* Must plan to graduate within 4 years.
* Intend to pursue a career in the food, agricultural sciences or natural resources-related areas.
* Have a minimum secondary cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the time of the application and maintain a cumulative post-secondary GPA of 2.5. each semester.
* Be enrolled as a full-time student at West Virginia State University.

 

**Introduction**

Thank you for your interest in the West Virginia State University (WVSU) Extension Service NextGen Scholarship program!

The purpose of the NextGen program is to support the recruitment, engagement, retention, mentoring and training of undergraduate students pursuing studies in food, agricultural sciences and natural resources (FANR). The scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding students at 1890 institutions to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in FANR that will lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems/USDA workforce.

The program is open to high school seniors and current students who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and demonstrated desire to work in FANR/USDA careers. The scholarship is highly competitive and provides full or partial support covering tuition, fees, books, room and board for up to four years to selected students accepted or already enrolled at West Virginia State University.

**Scholarship Application**

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| **Applicant Information** |

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *Last Name* *First Name* *M.I.*

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 *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Are you a U. S. Citizen?* Yes
* No

Are you a WV Resident?* Yes
* No

If yes, what county? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Gender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Race: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Are you Hispanic/Latino?* Yes
* No
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| Are you an Agricultural Completer for WV? | If yes, what area? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| * Yes
* No
 | What is your Ag Advisor’s email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Have you ever attended WVSU or another college in the past? | Do you have dual credits at WVSU or another college? |
| * Yes
* No

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name of college: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Have you been admitted to WVSU?* Yes
* No

Have you submitted your transcripts from the other college to Admissions?* Yes
* No
 | * Yes
* No

If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name of college: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Have you been admitted to WVSU?* Yes
* No

Have you submitted your transcripts from the other college to Admissions?* Yes
* No
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| **Education** |

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Have you graduated high school? | Have you submitted your final High School transcript to Admissions? |
| * Yes
* No
 | * Yes
* No
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What is your final High School GPA? ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Semester and year you plan to start at WVSU: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Potential Major at WVSU: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the NextGen Scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Guidance Counselor Form** |

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Last Name* *First Name* *M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL GPA INFORMATION**

Date of graduation: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Final Cumulative High School GPA: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Counselor’s signature certifying the student’s final cumulative high school GPA:**

**I *(counselor printed name)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certify that the above listed cumulative final high school GPA is true as of this day.**

**Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Counselor Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Counselor email: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Counselor phone number: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **References** |

**Please provide the names and contact information of two professional references that you are not related to.**

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| Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Company (if employed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
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| Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

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| **Honors/Volunteer/Entrepreneurship**  |

**Please answer the questions below and include years served and local, state or national level involvement.**

List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school:

List any hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular, school or volunteer activities you have participated in.

List any non-school sponsored community activities you have participated in.

List any work or entrepreneurship endeavors you have participated in.

 **Disclaimer and Signature**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach the following to this application:**

* Two letters of recommendation from someone who knows you well, such as a teacher, employer, clergy or club sponsor, that you are not related to.
* Prepare and submit a 500-word essay describing your goals as a NextGen Scholar, what past experiences or personality traits make you a great candidate for this scholarship and name the career or careers you would pursue in the USDA workforce after graduating from WVSU.