



American Meat Science Association

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

OBJECTIVE

To promote meat science by recognizing outstanding undergraduate students with potential for a career in meats. The candidate may or may not have committed himself/herself to a career in meats, but should have demonstrated an interest in meat science and the meat industry. Students majoring in Animal Science, Food Science and closely allied fields of study are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY

Students from four-year institutions may apply. The student must be an AMSA member that is a junior, senior or have graduated not more than six months prior to the RMC at the time of application. The AMSA Undergraduate Scholarship Award committee will evaluate a student's credentials according to procedures described below. Previous award winners are not eligible to receive another award.

NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Students must attend the RMC to receive their scholarships. Each scholarship shall consist of a check for \$200.00 and a suitably engraved plaque to be presented to the winners at RMC. The RMC registration fee will be waived for each scholarship winner.

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT RMC

Recipients of scholarships will participate in the same activities as graduate students. They should be introduced to conference participants early in the week and will be encouraged to attend the scientific sessions and meet as many AMSA members as possible.

NOMINATION FORMAT

Nominators should provide appropriate information in outline form, following the order given under Selection Criteria. Deviations from this format and order of presentation may result in disqualification. The award selection committee members will assign points.

INFORMATION FOR NOMINATOR

Email the nomination packet as one file (titled -Name of Nominee_Award Name) to Awards@meatscience.org by **February 20, 2017**. The nomination should include a cover letter from the nominator including student's year in college and date of graduate

1. Student's unofficial transcript of all undergraduate work.
2. Appropriate information as listed in Selection Criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Scholarship (35 points possible)

Grade point average must include all college work. Divide student's grade point average by 4.0 and multiply this by 35. Adjust student's grade point average, as shown in the example, if the school uses a 5.0 grading system.

Example: Student A has GPA = 3.5/4.0 system

$$\frac{3.5}{4.0} = .875; .875 \times 35 = 30.625 \text{ points}$$

Example: Student B has GPA = 4.5/5.0 system

$$\frac{4.5-1}{5.0-1} = \frac{3.5}{4.0} = .875 \times 35 = 30.625 \text{ points}$$

2. Letter and resume from student (20 points possible)

a. The student shall write a letter describing his/her interest in meat science, possible career choice, and their expectations from attending the RMC. (15 points max.) Points awarded by AMSA Scholastic Award committee members will reflect the candidate's written communication skills.

b. The student shall write a one-page resume. (5 points max.)

Points awarded by the committee will be based on an evaluation of the resume as tailored to accompany a job application in the meat/food industry.

3. Meat Science Activities (35 points possible)

- a. Member of an intercollegiate meat judging team, or participation in other meat judging activities i.e. contestant in department or regional contest. Organize, host, tabulate, etc. local/regional contests and/or FFA/4-H meat judging clinics and contests. (4 points max.)
 - b. Rank among top 10 individuals in major contests. (2 points max.)
 - c. Meat/muscle biology lab employee/volunteer/leadership role (6 points max.)
Includes processing and/or meat/food quality control, HACCP record management, short course assistance, chemistry, microbiology or research laboratory experience. Must include a statement of length of employment/service and what was gained from the experience.
 - d. Employment/internship/co-op in commercial meat processing and/or allied industry. (9 points max.)
Include a statement of length of employment and what was gained from the work experience. Employment should be completed or in progress at the time the application is submitted.
 - e. Teaching assistant experience in meat science. (4 points max.)
Must include a statement to indicate scope and depth of assistance. This should include course titles, numbers and types of lectures/labs, and/or extension courses taught. Also tell what knowledge/skills were gained from the experience.
 - f. Undergraduate research project in meat/food science. (6 points max.)
Student should be involved in the project design and have the major responsibility for carrying it out. A statement of objective, responsibilities, methods and a brief summary of results should be included. Research must be completed before graduation.
 - g. Participation in AMSA / Meat Industry events. (4 points max.)
Participation in and/or attendance at student leadership conference, professional meetings, trade conventions, industry/short courses, extension meetings, etc. Include statements of duties and/or what was gained from the experience.
4. Other Activities (10 points possible)
- a. Elected officer and/or appointed committee chair positions in student agricultural clubs/organizations. (3 points max.)
 - b. Elected and/or appointed officer in other university clubs, government and/or honoraries. (3 points max.)
 - c. Miscellaneous Activities (4 points MAX.)
Membership/participation in miscellaneous campus groups/activities i.e. ag. teams, residence group, dorm, fraternity, sorority and/or off-campus activities i.e. athletics, clubs, organizations and associations.

SCORING

Nominated students will be assigned points by each Undergraduate Scholastic Award committee member. After points are assigned, each member will rank students.

Nominating faculty and students will be notified by March 23, 2017.