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 eight months prior to the ICOMST/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 ICOMST/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 ICOMST/RMC. The ICOMST/RMC registration fee will be waived for each scholarship winner.

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT ICOMST/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 March 14, 2022. 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
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   \frac{3.5}{4.0} = 87.5; \quad .875 \times 35 = 30.625 \text{ points}
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   Example: Student B has GPA = 4.5/5.0 system
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   \frac{4.5-1}{5.0-1} = \frac{3.5}{4.0} \quad .875 \times 35 = 30.625 \text{ points}
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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 RMC. (15 points max.) Points awarded by AMSA Scholastic Award committee members will reflect the candidate’s written communication skills. All letters should be single spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt font, and not to exceed two pages.

   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 max)
   a. Participate in an AMSA hosted/facilitated Youth Programs event
      (i.e. meat judging, quiz bowl, research competition, iron chef,
      intercollegiate bbq contest, etc.)(6 points max.).
   b. 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.
   c. 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.
   d. 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.
   e. 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.
   f. 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.