



2010

**Responsible Nutrient Management[®]
Scholarship**

Application

www.agroliquid.com/rnm-scholarship

A project for the promotion of Sustainable Agriculture

This scholarship is a result of cooperative commitment between Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers and No-Till Farmer Magazine to strengthen the future of agriculture. The intention is to participate in the further education of one student nationally who demonstrates the ability to clearly articulate the importance of responsible nutrient management not only to the future of the agricultural industry, but also to our culture as a whole. Equipping the leaders of tomorrow with an understanding of the delicate balance between high production agriculture and environmental stewardship will be critical as agriculture strives to more efficiently and sustainably produce food and fiber to feed and clothe the world.

USPTO Definition of Responsible Nutrient Management[®]: Comprehensive agricultural plant nutrient management that incorporates fertilizers, supplements, and cultural practices to create an optimal environment for sustainable crop production.

Eligibility Qualifications

Students who apply for the Responsible Nutrient Management[®] Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- A high school senior or college student enrolled in the United States.
- Have an average or above academic record.
- Plan to enroll or continue enrollment in an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational-technical school, pursuing a degree in an agricultural or related field, communications, education, or business.
- Prepare and submit a 1500 word essay entitled, "*The Importance of Responsible Nutrient Management to the Future of Agriculture*"
- Approve publication of their essay by the scholarship sponsors.
- Be willing to participate as a speaker at either the National No-Tillage Conference or the Professional Liquid Fertilizers Program. Travel expenses will be provided by the scholarship sponsors

Scholarship and Award amounts and Coverage

The Responsible Nutrient Management[®] Scholarship is a one-time award of \$3000 presented to one applicant annually.

Selection of Recipient

An impartial selection committee of related industry professionals with agricultural background will select candidates in May 2010. The applications will be screened first to ensure that all applicants meet eligibility requirements. The applications will be evaluated based on relationship to work experience, academic performance, extra-curricular involvement, leadership activities, career goals, and the essay requirement. Notifications will be mailed no later than July 2010.

Payment of Scholarship funds

All scholarships are provided as cash awards in the form of a check issued in the fall. Checks are made payable to the recipients and their intended schools. Checks will be mailed when the scholarship administrator receives the official class schedule that shows that the recipient is a fulltime student for the first term in school.

Please complete the application following on the pages that follow. **Mail your completed Scholarship Application Package postmarked no later than Friday, April 30, 2010.**

Mail Completed Application and Essay to:

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers
Scholarship Administrator – Nick Bancroft
3055 W. M-21
Saint Johns, Michigan 48879

e-mail electronic file of essay to :

dbruggink@lesspub.com
and
lonny.smith@agroliquid.com

III. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

A. List major school-related activities (offices held, committee assignments, awards, competitions, etc.)

Year	Activity	Description of Duties

IV. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Rank: This applicant's class rank is _____ in a class of _____ students.

G.P.A. Cumulative G.P.A. of _____ on a 4.0 scale.

S.A.T. Score or A.C.T. score _____

V. STUDENT CERTIFICATION

1. I will be a full-time college student in the fall of 2010? YES NO
2. As of fall 2010 I will be a? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
3. The school I will be attending in the fall of 2010 is? _____
4. Intended Field of Study _____

VI. NEWSPAPER PERMISSION

Local Newspaper Name: _____

Newspaper Address: _____

Newspaper City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Newspaper Phone: _____

VII. FAMILY INFORMATION

Father / Stepfather / Guardian: _____ phone _____.

Mother / Stepmother / Guardian: _____ phone _____.

Notification Contact other than self: _____ phone _____.

TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

- ◇ You have acquired all necessary and required signatures
- ◇ All information has been provided in required fields and is accurate
- ◇ Your essay has been e-mailed to: dbruggink@lesspub.com and lonny.smith@agroliquid.com
- ◇ Your application and printed copy essay is postmarked by April 30, 2010 and mailed to:
Agro-Culture LIQUID Fertilizers
Nick Bancroft-Scholarship Administrator
PO BOX 150
St. Johns, MI 48879

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Thank you for your participation!