Criteria for Selection:

Selection of scholars will be based on the following criteria:

- Interest of the applicant in pursuing a career in agriculture and related sciences
- Grade Point Average of 3.0/4.0 or a 1000 SAT score (for those directly from high schools).
- 3 letters of recommendation (at least one from most recent school attended).
- Characteristics which foster diversity including experiences, socioeconomic background, talents, race, gender and similar attributes
- One-page essay titled “My Career in Agriculture.”
- Satisfactory performance in an on-campus interview session.

Students of all races and ethnicities are encouraged to apply. Additionally, students must be citizens or nationals of the United States, newly enrolled in Bachelor in Agriculture and be full-time students.

Benefits:

$4,500 scholarship per year for four years (provided a good academic standing is maintained)
Additional experiential learning opportunities, including financial support for internships, study abroad or on-campus research internships.

Interested students must apply (http://www.vsu.edu/pages/107.asp) to Virginia State University and must have been admitted by June 17th, 2010 for Fall 2010 semester (include VSU admission letter in application package).

Applicants for the Multicultural Scholars Program need to submit a letter of intent indicating their interest and career goals in agriculture, a one-page essay and letters of recommendations by June 17th, 2010 to:

Program Director, VSU-MSP
Department of Agriculture and Human Ecology
Virginia State University
101C Owens Hall
P.O. Box 9416
Petersburg, VA 23806

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