

## Cindy Hyde-Smith Woman in Agriculture Scholarship Description

In keeping with the mission “to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement, and action,” Mississippi’s Commissioner of Agriculture, Cindy Hyde Smith has established a \$500 scholarship for women who plan a career in an agricultural field. Students entering their junior or senior year in college, and graduate students are invited to apply. Applicants must demonstrate how the degree they are seeking relates to agriculture. **They must be female, residents of Mississippi, enrolled full time, and able to demonstrate need for a scholarship. Full time is 12 hours of coursework.**

Scholarship applicants must submit the following:

1. Proof of residence in Mississippi.
2. Official college transcript showing college work completed to date, and GPA, which must be 2.5 or above.
3. Tuition invoice and class schedule to verify enrollment in university course work.
4. Statement (500 words or less) about personal career goals for working in agriculture, how this scholarship will support academic pursuits, and why the scholarship is needed.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation verifying why applicant fits criteria.
6. Application form with items listed above by the deadline March 2, 2018.

One applicant will receive the scholarship each year at the annual spring meeting of Mississippi Women for Agriculture. All personal information will be kept confidential. The winner’s name will be posted on the MWA website at least one week prior to the MWA Annual Meeting.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Desire to work in the field of agriculture. . . . 40 points
- Financial need. . . . . 30 points
- Academic record . . . . . 20 points
- Extra-curricular activities. . . . . 10 points

The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend the MWA annual meeting where she will be recognized for her accomplishments, and asked to sign a release form for publishing photos.

# Cindy Hyde-Smith Woman in Agriculture Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

College or University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: (Please circle one)          Junior          Senior          Graduate Student

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled full time for current academic year: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Describe your career goals for working in agriculture and how this scholarship will support you in your academic pursuits. (500 words or less) (Attached: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No)

Names of references that will be providing letters:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

I verify this information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed Application package with required documentation to:

Mississippi Women for Agriculture-Dianne Evans Memorial Scholarship  
P. O. Box 9644 Bost 403-A Mississippi State, MS 39762 or hand deliver to Bost 403A-  
Sylvia Clark

**Applications are due to the above address by March 2, 2018.**