



# Responsible Nutrient Management<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program

2018 Application

## **A Project for the Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture**

This scholarship is supported by Responsible Nutrient Management® Foundation and is a result of cooperative commitment between AgroLiquid, Ag PhD, Hagie Manufacturing, No-Till Farmer Magazine, Consumers Supply Distributing, LLC, PNC Bank, TapLogic, Midwest Labs, Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association, and RFD TV to strengthen the future of agriculture. The intention is to participate in the further education of students attending post-secondary education who demonstrate 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 fall 2018 Academic Term.
- 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 the National No-Tillage Conference or other agricultural trade events. Travel expenses will be provided by the scholarship sponsors.

### **Scholarship Award Amounts and Coverage**

The Responsible Nutrient Management® Scholarship is an annual one-time award of \$2,500 presented to selected applicant.

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## Selection of Recipient

An impartial selection committee of related industry professionals with agricultural background will select candidates in November 2018. The applications will be screened first to ensure that all applicants meet eligibility requirements. The applications will be evaluated based upon work experience, academic performance, extra-curricular involvement, leadership activities, career goals, and the essay requirement. Notifications will be mailed no later than December 1, 2018.

## Payment of Scholarship Funds

All scholarships are provided as cash awards in the form of a check issued in the fall/winter. 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 full-time student for the first term in school.

Please complete the application on the pages that follow. **Mail your completed Scholarship Application Package postmarked no later than Monday, October 15, 2018.**

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Questions regarding completed application please call 989-227-3859.

Mail Completed Application and Essay to:

AgroLiquid  
RNMF Scholarship Administrator  
3055 W. M-21  
Saint Johns, Michigan 48879

E-mail electronic application and essay to both:

[Johndeboer69@gmail.com](mailto:Johndeboer69@gmail.com)  
[Jilliane.bushard@agroliquid.com](mailto:Jilliane.bushard@agroliquid.com)

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### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	MI
Home – Street Address &/or PO Box	Home – City & State	Zip
(      )	County of Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Applicant's Phone #		
High School Name	High School – Street Address &/or P.O. Box	
High School – City	School - State	School – Zip      (      ) School – Phone
Applicant's E-Mail Address, if available		

### II. ESSAY

A. Attach a 1500 word essay titled ***"The Importance of Responsible Nutrient Management to the Future of Agriculture"***

B. Describe your work experience (including both farm and non-farm employment and activities.)  
 \*FFA members please include your supervised agricultural experience (SAE) activities, 4-H members include projects in Position/Responsibility section. If more space required use back.

Date	Employer	Position/ Responsibilities

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**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?  YES  NO
2. As of fall I will be a?  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior
3. The school I will be attending in the fall 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 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application I grant permission for my essay to be published by the scholarship sponsors and my name and image (if provided) to be used for / in the future promotion of the Responsible Nutrient Management<sup>®</sup> Scholarship.

**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: [jilliane.bushard@agroliquid.com](mailto:jilliane.bushard@agroliquid.com) and
- ◇ Your application and printed copy essay is postmarked by October 15, 2018 and mailed to:

AgroLiquid  
RNMF Scholarship Administrator  
3055 W. M-21  
St. Johns, MI 48879

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation!