

# Scholarships Available

## Planting The Seed For Agriculture's Future A Scholarship Program Is Looking For Students Committed To A Career In Agriculture

(NAPSA)—News is being broadcast of a scholarship program for students who have a commitment to agriculture as a career.

High school seniors from all 50 states are encouraged to apply for the Commitment to Agriculture scholarship program. Monsanto Company, in collaboration with the National Association of Farm Broadcasters, will this year award 100 high school seniors with one-time awards of \$1,500 each.

In order to be eligible for one of the awards, the student applicant must come from a farm family and plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. The National FFA Organization will organize an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders to select the winners.

“Hard working farm families across the country are the reason the agriculture industry has been a success in the past and will continue to be one in the future. These families serve as a guiding light for students interested in the industry,” said Glenn Stith, vice president of Monsanto U.S. Branded Business, Sales and Marketing.

The scholarship program, established in 1999, is supported by funds received through pre-trial settlements involving seed patent infringement cases and, to date, has awarded 450 students with nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in support for their devotion to the agriculture industry.

To qualify, a high school senior must have an average to above-average academic record, plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major in an accredited school, and be committed to pursuing a career in agriculture.

According to Tom Brand, president of the National Association of



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Farm Broadcasters, “These scholarships will help prepare the next generation of farm producers and leaders.”

Applications are currently available through the National Association of Farm broadcasters’ stations and networks, public high schools, FFA chapter advisors, Monsanto field sales representatives, as well as retailers and seed dealers that sell Monsanto products.

The applications are also posted on the following Web sites:

- <http://www.monsanto.com>
- <http://www.nafb.com>
- <http://www.ffa.org>

Application forms must be completed and postmarked by Feb. 15, 2004. Applicants will be notified of the competition results by May 1, 2004.

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The National Association of Farm Broadcasters’ member broadcasters are heard on over 2,000 radio stations nationwide as well as over 100 television stations.