



**GRAIN & FEED
ASSOCIATION**
of Illinois

Applications must be postmarked by November 18, 2011

GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INDUSTRY IMMERSION PROGRAM**

Association Information: The Grain and Feed Association of Illinois is a statewide organization that represents 92% of Illinois' commercial grain storage and feed handling facilities. The Association works on behalf of our members primarily to provide information, service, educational opportunities and legislative support.

Program Information: The Industry Immersion Program is a monetary scholarship awarded to students interested in pursuing a career in the grain and feed industry. The additional bonus is the opportunity to work at an elevator to gain real career experience for a very small time commitment (8 hours a month for eight months).

Benefits and responsibilities of the program:

1. The scholarship amount is determined on an annual basis and may vary each year, but is expected to be \$2,500 each. This Scholarship does not affect financial aid.
2. At the time of application, students must be a sophomore or junior in academic standing at an accredited Illinois Junior College or University and an Illinois resident.
3. A two-day Leadership Seminar for all of the Industry Immersion participants will be held in Springfield, IL during the summer months. Your hotel and food expenses during the seminar will be paid for and participation is mandatory.
4. You will receive 40% of the scholarship at the Leadership Seminar. The remaining amount will be provided upon completion of the program.
5. You are responsible for transportation to and from the facility. Many facilities are not open Saturday, so your participation should be based on the assumption that you will have to work during the week.
6. You may provide suggestions of who you'd like to work with or have the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois place you with a company.
7. If chosen, you will be notified of the company you will be working with. Once you are notified, you will be required to contact the company and set up your meeting times to accommodate both your and the company's schedule.
8. You will be required to complete eight hours per month at the facility during the months of March, April, May, August, September, October, November and December. As long as the sum of time spent each month equals eight hours, you can set up the schedule however you like.
9. A completed survey and brief 1-page report of your experiences are required upon completion of the program.
10. You will be encouraged to take advantage of this time to learn about the grain industry, network with those you meet, and build your resume to aid your search for employment following graduation.



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INDUSTRY IMMERSION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please read the following carefully prior to submitting your application: The Grain and Feed Association of Illinois is a statewide organization that represents 92% of Illinois' commercial grain storage and feed handling facilities. The Industry Immersion Program is a scholarship awarded to students interested in pursuing a career in the grain and feed industry. The additional bonus is an internship at an elevator with a requirement of 8 hours a month for 8 months. Scholarship amounts are expected to be \$2,500 each. You will receive 40% of the scholarship at a Leadership Seminar held during the summer months. The remaining amount will be sent to you upon completion of the program. Please note that you are responsible for transportation to and from the facility. Many facilities are not open Saturday, so your participation should be based on the assumption that you will have to work during the week. Grading criteria considered:

- Academic performance, career goal, financial need and involvement within the grain and feed industry
- At the time of application, students must be a sophomore or junior in academic standing at an accredited Illinois Junior College or University and an Illinois resident.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please type or print in ink!)

Name _____ Age _____

Preferred Address to receive correspondence _____

Primary Phone _____ Years lived in IL _____

Primary E-mail _____

Name of parents or guardians _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Permanent Address _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Percentage of college expenses paid for by student or student's family _____% by scholarships _____%

College fees & tuition per semester \$ _____ Room & board per semester \$ _____

Applicant's source of income _____

Applicant's annual income from all sources \$ _____

Hours spent per week in outside job or part-time work during school year _____

If you have received or will receive other scholarships, indicate the name and amount: _____

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EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

High School Attended _____

Number in class _____ Point Average _____ Class Rank _____ Grade Point Scale _____ (4.0 = A)

List activities, offices held, awards and honors received while in high school (use additional sheet if needed):

JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION *(Must be completed by Junior College and University Students who attended a Junior College. If you are a University Student and did not attend a JC please skip this section)*

Please include an official copy of your current Junior College transcript. (Required)

Name of Junior College _____

Associate Degree _____

List activities, offices held, awards and honors received while in Junior College (use additional sheet if necessary):

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION *(Only complete if applicable)*

Please include an official copy of your current University transcript. (Required)

Name of College _____

Year in School at time of application (Sophomore, Junior, etc.) _____

Major _____

Minor (if applicable): _____

List activities, offices held, awards and honors received while in College (use additional sheet if necessary):

WORK HISTORY AND CAREER OBJECTIVE

Briefly explain your career objectives after graduation:

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Briefly explain in *your own handwriting* why you want to enter a career in the agri-business, not production, side of the Grain and/or Feed Industry. (Use additional sheet if necessary).

Are you a member or a dependent of a member of the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois? If so, please list the member's name/s.

List a minimum of one reference within the grain and feed industry and include name, organization/business and phone.

Please list the courses you plan to take during the scholarship year.

MISCELLANEOUS (If selected as a scholarship recipient, this information will be sent to the participating elevator and will not be used for grading purposes.)

Do you have experience at a grain handling facility? If so, please explain.

Do you have transportation or can you arrange for transportation to and from the facility?
_____ Yes _____ No

What part of the industry interests you the most?

What other hobbies or interests do you have?

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How did you find out about the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois Scholarship Program?

List the *names and addresses* of local newspapers that should be notified if you receive this scholarship.

GRAIN COMPANY INFORMATION

You may contact a preferred elevator and provide suggestions of the company you'd like to work with or have the Association place you with a company.

If possible, I'd like to work with _____

- Have you already contacted this elevator about being your potential host? ___ yes ___ no

I would like the Grain and Feed Association to pair me with a company

- Would you prefer this facility is near your ___ school ___ hometown ___ either

CHECKLIST:

Colleges must submit completed applications that are postmarked by November 18, so please inquire with your college to determine an appropriate deadline before this date so they have time to properly review, select and submit the applications by the **November 18** deadline. Items required for consideration:

- ___ Application for Industry Immersion Program
- ___ One letter of recommendation from faculty
- ___ An official copy of your current college transcript
- ___ A signed and dated Application Agreement form

If you have any questions, please contact the Association office at 217.787.2417 or e-mail Jodie Brooks at jbrooks@gfai.org. For more information about the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois and the scholarship program go to www.gfai.org.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____



Industry Immersion Program Application Agreement

I _____, herby fully understand and comprehend that by applying for the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois Industry Immersion Program, I am committing myself to follow the guidelines of the program. I understand that if I am unable to complete my responsibilities in this agreement I will not receive the scholarship monies. I understand that if I only participate and complete the program through the Leadership Seminar I will receive just 40% of the scholarship.

I also understand that if any of the following scenarios occur, I will not receive any scholarship money, nor receive recognition for participating in the program:

1. Did not enroll for classes at an accredited Illinois Junior College or University
2. Drop out of the Illinois Junior College or University where I am enrolled at any time during the program
3. Did not meet with the grain elevator or grain industry company for a sum of 8 hours per month during the assigned months of the program year
4. Voluntarily withdrew myself from the program at any time before the Leadership Seminar
5. Did not complete and/or submit the survey or report at the conclusion of the program

I understand that *I am not a hired employee* of the company. I understand that I am a student learning about an industry and realize that I do not have the same rights or privileges that company employees do.

I understand the company is under no obligation to offer employment nor am I obligated to accept or deny such an offer. I recognize that if I am hired I will have to fulfill the requirements of this program to receive recognition for participating.

I have read, understand, and agree to the statements listed above.

Signature

Date