

Scholarship and Work Opportunities

The grain and feed industries are thriving and employees that are hard working and self motivated are highly sought after.

Recognizing the need to support students seeking higher education, the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois offers scholarships to students who are seeking a career in the grain and feed industries.

Industry Immersion Scholarship Program

\$3,500

- 10 Industry Immersion Scholarships will be available to students interested in a career in the grain handling and feed industries.
- College freshman, sophomores and juniors are eligible.
- Students can attend an out-of-state college but must have a permanent Illinois address.
- Recipients will work at a member company 2 days each during their fall and spring semesters to learn about the industry, network and build resumes to aid their employment search following graduation.
- Recipients will attend a 4-day leadership seminar to tour the state, learn about the industry and the many career opportunities that are available!
- An annual \$1,000 renewable scholarship will be available to students after receiving the Industry Immersion Scholarship.

Applications are available at www.gfai.org in the spring. Please check the website for details.



**GRAIN & FEED
ASSOCIATION
of Illinois**

The Grain and Feed Association provides membership to grain elevators, processors, feed mills and manufacturers, ethanol plants and those who provide goods and services to the industry such as banks, futures brokers, accounting firms, equipment suppliers and more.

GFAI represents, promotes and works to advance the grain and feed industries. This includes offering educational opportunities and professional development, information regarding industry issues and government relations, among other services.

Student memberships are available for **FREE** at www.gfai.org!



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Grain Handling and Feed Industries

**careers
that
count**



Job Opportunities in the Grain and Feed Industry

Good Pay > **Locations Throughout Illinois** > **Thriving Industry**

Positions for Varied Backgrounds, Interests and Education

Management



- Aspires to a leadership position and enjoys wearing a lot of hats
- Works with producers
- Possesses a broad knowledge of all grain elevator functions, including mechanical and operational features, grain markets, financials, safety and regulatory requirements
- Communicates with, manages and motivates staff
- Managers often start in origination, operations or as an assistant location manager

Entry level location manager: \$40,000 - \$50,000

Experienced location manager: \$60,000 - \$80,000

Experienced GM and Regional Managers: 6 digits and well beyond

Originator / Merchandiser

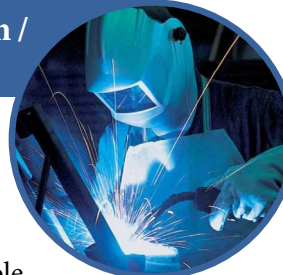


- Enjoys working with numbers and people
- Originators build relationships and buy grain from producers and other elevators
- Merchandisers sell grain to end users like processors, ethanol plants, export markets, etc.

Entry level: \$40,000 - \$50,000

Experienced and highly skilled: \$100,000+

Maintenance / Fabrication / Construction



- Repairs equipment
- Works with their hands
- Performs maintenance
- Conducts new and renovative construction
- Problem solving and trouble shooting

Entry level: \$35,000 - \$50,000

Experienced: \$60,000 - \$80,000+

Safety & Regulations



- Safety minded
- Enjoys the regulatory environment
- Creates and implements safety programs and policies
- Oversees company compliance with OSHA, EPA and other regulatory agencies

Entry level: \$40,000 - \$50,000

Experienced: \$80,000 - \$100,000

Grain Operations



- Works with their hands
- Mechanically inclined
- Works outdoors, with equipment and people

Entry level: \$35,000 - \$50,000

Experienced with leadership responsibilities: \$60,000 to nearing \$100,000

Feed & Milling



- Many feed industry careers and compensation ranges are similar to the grain handling industry
- Good for those who prefer livestock, feed and nutrition industries
- Additional jobs include feed mill operations, feed mill management and safety coordination

Entry level (similar to grain side): \$40,000 - \$50,000

Experienced: \$60,000 - \$110,000+

Careers also available in accounting, finance, logistics & transportation, IT and more.

Visit www.gfai.org and click the “students” tab for more information!

** Jobs and salaries listed here are only a general guideline and will vary depending company, location, responsibilities, job title, candidate experience, etc.*