

**Ginny Patin Memorial Scholarship
California Seed Association**

2016 Scholarship Application

Eligibility: Major Fields of study include, but are not limited to the following: plant science, plant physiology, seed physiology, soil science, botany, agribusiness, etc. Special Interest in the seed industry is a plus. High school graduating seniors, undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Funds will be made available to full-time students enrolling in a California college or university.

Criteria: Awards are made on the basis of the following criteria:

- ❖ your interest – current and future – in the seed industry in particular and agriculture in general
- ❖ your scholastic achievement and activities
- ❖ essay
- ❖ your financial need
- ❖ letter of recommendation

Instructions: Application must be typewritten and must be completed in full or it will not be considered. Please note the criteria used in evaluating your application.

Applications must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the CSA Office no later than **February 12, 2016:**
1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: 916-446-1063
Email: donna@agamsi.com

1. Name Jenna Gallegos Student ID# 998194905
Email address: jegallegos@ucdavis.edu
2. Class (next year): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior X Graduate
3. Indicate the college / university where you expect to use this scholarship if awarded:
Name of Institution: University of California, Davis
4. Address (while at college): 909 Arnold Street Davis, CA 95618
5. Permanent Home Address: 909 Arnold Street Davis, CA 95618
Phone 719-648-7650
6. Major Field of Study (if decided): Plant Biotechnology
7. Previous experience related to the seed industry or agriculture: I grew up on a cattle ranch and showed livestock in 4H for 9 years. In college I developed a passion for biology which I now hope to use to improve crops in the seed industry.

8. Intended occupation after completion of education: I intend to obtain a post-doctoral research position to gain additional research experience before applying for a research and development position at a seed company.

9. Number of brothers / sisters in your family now enrolled in college / university: 2

10. If married – name and occupation of spouse: unmarried

11. Name(s) of high schools attended: Calhan High School in Calhan, Colorado

12. Name(s) of colleges or junior colleges attended: I received a bachelors degree in Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology at the University of Colorado in Boulder and am now pursuing a PhD in Plant Biotechnology at UC Davis.

13. List honors you received in competition with other students: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Monsanto Endowed Student Fund in Agricultural Biotechnology, UC Davis MCB Academic Excellence Scholarship, and 7 undergraduate awards

14. Do you presently hold a scholarship(s) or assistance? Yes, but it expires in June 2016

From whom: The National Science Foundation

Amount of scholarship or assistance: \$11,333 remaining

15. What are your sources of financial support? Once my NSF grant expires, I will have no sources of financial support for the duration of my graduate career. My thesis advisor is seeking employment outside of the University. I will be finishing my dissertation research completely independently with absolutely no financial support from a laboratory research grant available to me.

16. List your level of involvement in college activities: I am an inducted member of the Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honors Society, play an active role in the Science Policy & Communication Group under the Institute for Food and Agricultural Literacy, am a member of the Designated Emphasis in Biotechnology Program, and have held many offices within my graduate group.

17. List your work experience: I have 7 years of molecular research experience, 4 specifically working on plants. I just accepted a summer internship position on the BioDirect team at Monsanto where I will be assisting in the development of biological pesticides. I also have extensive volunteer experience in communicating agricultural science to K-12 students and the general public.

18. Essay: "State why you are applying for this scholarship, why you are interested in pursuing a career in agriculture and the seed industry, and what are your qualifications". Attach an essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words (this should not be an autobiography but some background information may be helpful).

19. CSA Affiliation? No / Yes If yes please explain: I participated in the CSA 2015 Fall Seed Tour. I am also a very active participant in Seed Central Events and have networked extensively with California seed industry professionals.

 "As an incoming freshman, if I receive a scholarship, I agree to satisfactorily complete a minimum of three (3) semesters or five (5) quarter credits in a course or courses which has/have agriculture and/or plant science as a major emphasis."

x "As an applicant for a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate scholarship, I certify that I have satisfactorily completed a minimum of three (3) semesters or five (5) quarter credits in a course or courses which has / have plant science as a major emphasis."

"I hereby certify that the statements which I have made are true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

February 8, 2016

Date

Student's Signature



When the application is completed to this point, please have your high school principal, Student Advisor, teacher, major professor or current Chair at your institution; complete the rest of this form.

For Department Heads, Principals – please complete the following information:

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.651

Verified by: _____

Letter of Recommendation California Seed Association

FOR: _____

A \$2,500.00 Merit Scholarship to recognize academic excellence for a student interested in plant science or the seed industry as a profession. Please indicate student's need as well as interest in the seed industry. Please be precise and refer to the criteria for these awards: need, character, leadership, etc. Indicate the number and extent of agricultural-related courses completed by the student (attach additional sheet if needed). The person writing this letter should give a confidential assessment of the applicant so the Selection Committee can properly evaluate the candidate. Mail, FAX or Email to:

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Signed: _____ Date: _____