

**VIRGINIA STATE FEED ASSOCIATION
Junior/Senior Undergraduate Scholarship**

General Information

Program Conditions

Funds of the Virginia State Feed Association (VSFA) Scholarship Program will be supplied in the form of a one-time \$1,000 check to each recipient. The scholarship will be awarded each year at the VSFA Winter Conference. News releases and other pertinent information about the recipients will be supplied to the VSFA each year for publicity purposes.

Criteria for selection of scholarship recipients:

1. The student must be a rising junior or senior in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree in an area of study related to the feed industry and/or animal agriculture at an accredited university.
2. The student must be a student with permanent residence in the state of Virginia. Preference will be given to students with references from VSFA members and/or farm or rural background.
3. Academic achievement. The students should achieve a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average (GPA), and a 2.75 GPA in major coursework. Transfer students must have an equivalent of a minimum 2.5 overall GPA at their previous institution.
4. Recipients of these scholarships will be chosen by the *Steering Committee* of the VSFA according to the following criteria:
 - a. Financial need 50%
 - b. Evidence of leadership potential as indicated by extracurricular activities 25%.
 - c. A desire to pursue a career serving the Virginia Feed Industry and/or Animal Agriculture will be considered as evidenced by an essay 25%.
5. Applications accompanied by a brief description (500 words maximum) outlining how the student(s) hope(s) to be a part of the Virginia feed or related industries in the future will be reviewed by the VSFA Steering Committee and recommendations will then be made to the VSFA Scholarship Committee.
6. In order to receive their scholarship and become acquainted with the objectives and membership of the VSFA, scholarship recipients are expected to be the guests of the VSFA *Board of Directors* at the *Annual Winter Conference* at The Hotel Roanoke (Roanoke, VA) on February 14, 2018. Recipients will be notified by February 8th, 2018.
7. The direct contact for VSFA Scholarship applicants is: Dr. Gonzalo Ferreira, Department of Dairy Science, Virginia Tech (gonf@vt.edu)

VSFA History

Mission Statement: The Virginia State Feed Association is the voice of the feed industry and serves to strengthen the industry in relationship to consumers and government.

The VSFA was founded in 1946 to serve the total feed industry in the Old Dominion for the purposes of:

Promoting

...acquaintance and good will among its members. ...the general benefit of the entire industry and the welfare of its patrons and the public.

Aiding

...in the timely dissemination of information which may be of interest and value to the members.

...in more efficient distribution of feed and allied products through information sharing and promotion of improved methods of handling, selling and merchandising.

...in the interpretation and application of feed laws and regulations.

...in the enactment and enforcement of laws which deal justly with the rights of its members and patrons.

Fostering

...fair dealings, honest values and the fulfillment of all obligations and contracts.

...understanding and cooperation among the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the feed industry.

Cooperating

...with all branches of feed and allied industries for the advancement of the industries and to support the marketing of the maximum economical consumption of feed and allied products.