

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Application

John de la Howe School Foundation | SC Governor's School for Agriculture

About the International Travel Scholarship

The International Travel Scholarship, made possible through the generosity of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank and other community supporters of the John de la Howe School Foundation, helps students of the SC Governor's School for Agriculture (SCGSAG) experience agriculture on a global scale. Each year, the Foundation awards a set number of scholarships to help offset the cost of an SCGSAG-sponsored international educational travel experience.

The destination, number of awards, and award amount are set annually by the John de la Howe School Foundation and SCGSAG administration and will be announced with each application cycle. This application is designed to remain consistent from year to year, regardless of those details.

This Year's Award Details (2026-2027 Academic Year)

Destination: _____

Number of Awards Available: Seven (7)

Award Amount (per student): \$1,000

Application Deadline: February 5, 2027

Purpose of the Scholarship

International travel broadens a student's understanding of agriculture as a global industry and exposes them to farming practices, food systems, and agricultural cultures beyond South Carolina. The International Travel Scholarship removes financial barriers so that more SCGSAG students can take part in these experiences, made possible by the generosity of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank and other community supporters of the John de la Howe School Foundation.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for the International Travel Scholarship, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a currently enrolled student at the SC Governor's School for Agriculture, in any class year.
- Be in good academic standing, as verified by SCGSAG administration.
- Be in good behavioral standing, as verified by SCGSAG administration. Good behavioral standing is required of all students traveling abroad as representatives of SCGSAG.
- Be registered with the SCGSAG staff member coordinating the travel to participate in the sponsored international travel experience.

- Submit a complete application packet, including the required essay and both staff endorsements, by the published deadline.

Application Requirements

A complete application consists of the following components:

- Completed application form (below), including applicant and contact information.
- Verification of academic and behavioral standing, provided by SCGSAG administration.
- A required applicant essay (details below).
- Two staff endorsements: one from the applicant's advisor or teacher, and one from an SCGSAG administrator (details below).
- Signature of the applicant certifying that all information provided is true and complete.

Required Essay

Each applicant must submit a typed essay of no more than two (2) pages, double-spaced, responding to the following prompt. The essay will be reviewed by the John de la Howe School Foundation Board of Trustees as part of the selection process.

- Why is international travel important to your future in agriculture? Reflect on how experiencing agriculture in another country could shape your understanding of your field, your career goals, and your role in the future of the agricultural industry.

Required Staff Endorsements

Each applicant must have two SCGSAG staff members complete an endorsement as part of the application: one advisor or teacher, and one administrator. Each endorsement should include a brief statement of support for the student receiving International Travel Scholarship funds, along with the staff member's assessment of the student's readiness to represent SCGSAG abroad.

Selection Process

Completed applications, including the required essay and both staff endorsements, will be reviewed by school staff coordinating the trip and an appointed selection committee totaling at least three members. The committee will evaluate applications based on academic and behavioral standing, the strength and sincerity of the applicant's essay, the staff endorsements, and the applicant's readiness to represent SCGSAG on an international trip. The selection committee's decision is final.

International Travel Scholarship — Application Form

Please complete all sections below. Attach your required essay as a separate typed document.

Applicant Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Class Year (e.g., Sophomore, Junior, Senior): _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Travel Program Information

International Travel Experience You Are Applying To Join:

Travel Dates (if known): _____

SCGSAG Standing Verification

To be completed by SCGSAG administration.

Cumulative GPA: _____

Academic Standing: ☐ Good Standing ☐ Other (explain):

Behavioral Standing: ☐ Good Standing ☐ Other (explain):

Verified By (Name / Title): _____

Date: _____

Staff Endorsement #1 — Advisor / Teacher

I support this student receiving International Travel Scholarship funds to participate in SCGSAG's international travel experience.

Staff Name: _____

Title / Subject: _____

Brief Statement of Support:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Staff Endorsement #2 — Administrator

I support this student receiving International Travel Scholarship funds to participate in SCGSAG's international travel experience.

Staff Name: _____

Title: _____

Brief Statement of Support:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application, including the attached essay, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed applications, including both staff endorsements, to the John de la Howe School Foundation by the deadline provided by SCGSAG administration.