



Kansas Crop Improvement Association Scholarship



American FFA Degree Recipient Scholarship Program through the Kansas FFA Foundation, sponsored by Kansas Crop Improvement Association

Kansas Crop Improvement Association (KCIA) is a not-for-profit, membership-based corporation designated as the official seed and plant part certification agency for the state of Kansas. KCIA was organized in cooperation with the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1902 to improve the kinds of corn grown in Kansas. First known as the Kansas Seed Corn Breeders Association, it was quickly realized that varietal improvement of other crops should be included as well, and changed its name in 1914 to the Kansas Crop Improvement Association. In 1919, Kanred wheat became the first variety inspected for certification. Since then, KCIA has certified seed of all principle crops in Kansas and has been the sole agency responsible for seed certification in the state. In 1937, the state legislature passed the Kansas Certification Law, authorizing Kansas State University to designate the state's official seed certifying agency. In addition to seed certification services, KCIA offers networking and educational opportunities, consulting, auditing, farm/field inspection, and laboratory testing services for the seed industry and other crop production related businesses.

KCIA has been a long time supporter of the Kansas FFA Association and the success of its members. The association has recently partnered with the Kansas FFA Foundation to develop a scholarship program. Eligible students are American FFA Degree recipients with an interest in agronomy. One \$500 scholarship, non-renewable will be awarded annually.

To apply, students must submit FIVE copies of the following items:

- A resume
- A copy of their most recent university transcript
- Two letters of reference
- A 750-word essay that highlights their past experience in agronomy as well as their career goals in agronomy related field.

Applications must be received by the Kansas FFA Foundation **no later than March 15**, at the following address: Kansas FFA Association, KCIA Scholarship, Umberger 110, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.