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**MAEF Scholarship  
General Guidelines and Selection Criteria**

**Purpose**

To provide financial assistance to Maryland residents who are undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in agriculture majors, with a preference for those majoring in ag education and/or extension and pursuing careers in Maryland.

**Scholarship Award**

- Six or more \$1,000 awards annually
  - Five or more MAEF scholarships and one Dr. Ronald J. Seibel Scholarship\*
- May be awarded more than once to same individual
- Application reviews and awards made by the MAEF Secondary Education Committee

**Selection Criteria**

**Residency**

Applicant must be a resident of the State of Maryland

**Qualifying Institutions**

- University of Maryland College Park (including Institute of Applied Agriculture) and University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Maryland community colleges
- Out-of-state institutions offering an accredited agricultural education and/or agricultural extension, or agriculture major.
- Post-secondary career and technical programs

**Award Priorities**

1. Four-year undergraduate program with interest in teaching in Maryland (1<sup>st</sup> preference)
2. Graduate program advancing ag education or ag extension careers in Maryland
3. Four-year undergraduate program in agriculture
4. Two-year undergraduate program in agriculture
5. Post-secondary career and technical programs

Note: General guidelines and selection criteria may be modified by the MAEF Secondary Education Committee as deemed necessary to meet changing education program goals.



**Applicant Evaluation**

- Financial need
- Academic record
- Demonstrated leadership & community service
  - FFA, 4-H, MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) or other organization membership and service record
- Agricultural background, interests and career goals

Evaluation Review Sheet	Scoring	
	Yes	No
Resident of Maryland		
Attending a Qualified Institution (see guidelines)		
Award Priority Area (select from 1 to 5, see guidelines)		
	Points	
Financial Need	10	
Academic Record	30	
Leadership & Community Service FFA, 4-H, MANRRS or other organization activities	30	
Agricultural Background, Interests & Career Goals	30	
Total:	100	

\*The Dr. Ronald J. Seibel Scholarship was established in 2005 by the family and friends of Dr. Seibel in recognition of his 26 years of service as director of the Institute of Applied Technology at the University of Maryland College Park. The scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in or admitted to the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture. Preference is given to applicants with an FFA background.