

Alma Cherry/Pam Steele Scholarship Description

In keeping with the mission “to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement, and action,” friends from the eighteen Delta and part-Delta counties served by the Delta Council, an area economic development organization headquartered in Stoneville, MS have established a \$500 scholarship in memory of Alma Cherry and Pam Steele. This scholarship is for women who plan a career in an agricultural field. Students entering their junior or senior year in college, and graduate students are invited to apply. Applicants must demonstrate how the degree they are seeking relates to agriculture. **They must be female, residents of Mississippi, enrolled full time, and able to demonstrate need for a scholarship. Full time is 12 hours of coursework.**

Scholarship applicants must submit the following:

1. Proof of residence in Mississippi.
2. Official college transcript showing college work completed to date, and GPA, which must be 2.5 or above.
3. Tuition invoice and class schedule to verify enrollment in university course work.
4. Statement (500 words or less) about personal career goals for working in agriculture, how this scholarship will support academic pursuits, and why the scholarship is needed.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation verifying why applicant fits criteria.
6. Application form with items listed above by the deadline March 2, 2018.

One applicant will receive the scholarship each year at the annual spring meeting of Mississippi Women for Agriculture. All personal information will be kept confidential. The winner's name will be posted on the MWA website at least one week prior to the MWA Annual Meeting.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Desire to work in the field of agriculture. . . . 40 points
- Financial need. 30 points
- Academic record 20 points
- Extra-curricular activities. 10 points

The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend the MWA annual meeting where she will be recognized for her accomplishments, and asked to sign a release form for publishing photos.

Alma Cherry/Pam Steele Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

College or University Attending: _____

College or University Address: _____

College or University Phone Number: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Year: (Please circle one) Junior Senior Graduate Student

GPA: _____ Enrolled full time for current academic year: ___ Yes ___ No

Describe your career goals for working in agriculture and how this scholarship will support you in your academic pursuits. (500 words or less) (Attached: ___ Yes ___ No)

Names of references that will be providing letters:

(1) _____

(2) _____

I verify this information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed Application package with required documentation to:

Mississippi Women for Agriculture-Dianne Evans Memorial Scholarship
P. O. Box 9644 Bost 403-A Mississippi State, MS 39762 or hand deliver to Bost 403A-
Sylvia Clark

Applications are due to the above address by March 2, 2018.