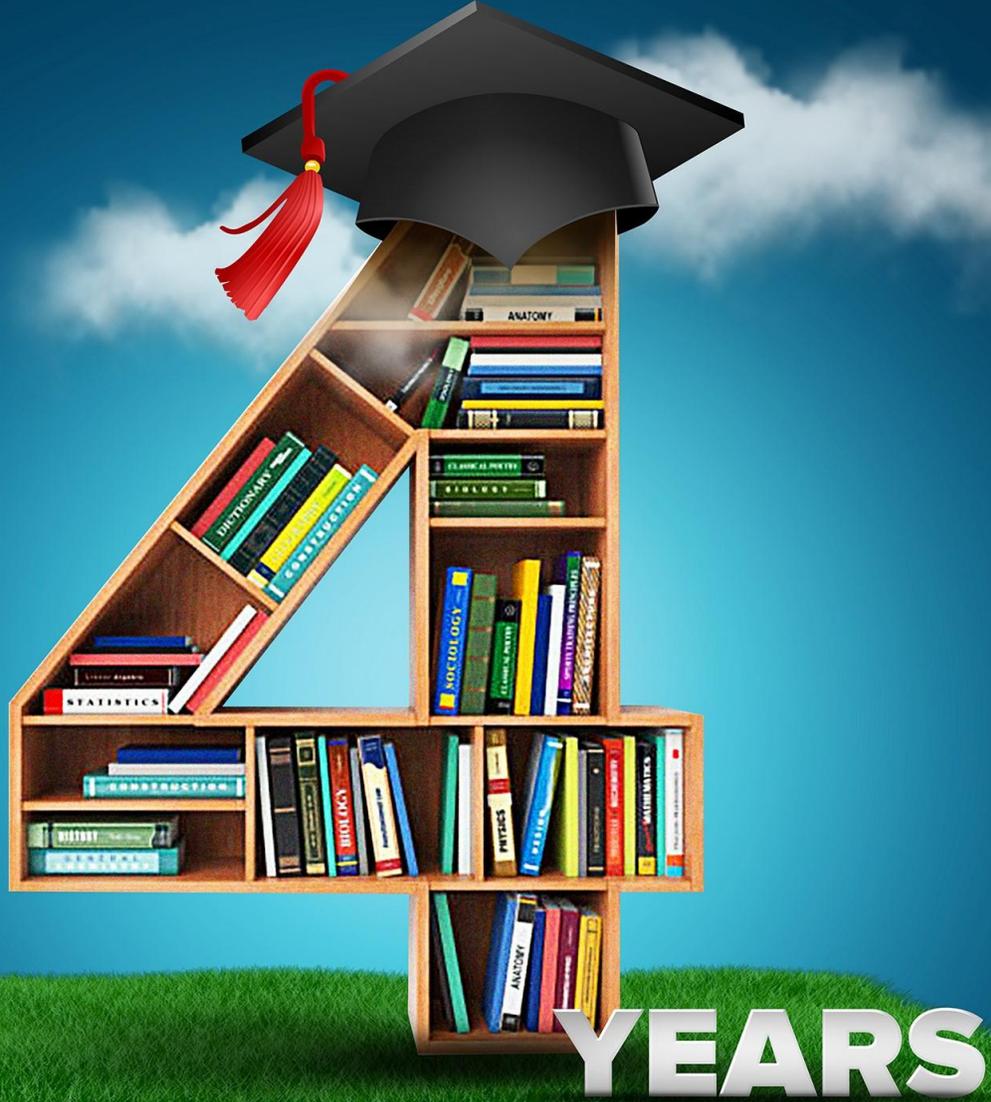


FOUR-YEAR

Undergraduate Scholarship for Agriculture students (for 4 years)

منحة مركز التميز في الزراعة
الدراسية لمدة أربع سنوات جامعية



Applicant must be affiliated to
one of the partner universities



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOUR-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Center of Excellence for Agriculture (COEA) is a USAID-funded activity that facilitates meaningful partnerships and collaborations among U.S. and Egyptian universities, industry and government to: (1) develop innovative, transformative, and industry-validated curricula for undergraduate and graduate students with due consideration of gender equity; and (2) facilitate readily translatable solutions-based research that addresses the current and emerging needs of Egyptian agriculture centered on the seven priorities of Egypt’s Sustainable Development Strategy. In doing so, the COEA will develop: 1) workforce-ready students to make immediate impact in the Egyptian agricultural economy; 2) research products that transform agriculture businesses and livelihoods; and 3) a sustainable, replicable, and inclusive model, highly valued and financially supported by a wide range of stakeholders throughout Egypt.

The COEA is accepting applications for fifty “four-year undergraduate scholarships” for the academic year 2019-2020. This scholarship is for first semester students (prefer meritorious students) who have graduated from public secondary schools and wish to pursue undergraduate BSc in English programs at the Faculties of Agriculture at Ain Shams, Benha, Cairo, and Suez Canal University, but they have financial constraints. Four-year undergraduate scholarship recipients will be chosen primarily on financial need and secondarily on merit. Students interested in pursuing agriculture careers in Egypt and participating in various COEA activities during their four-years as undergraduate students are encouraged to apply. The COEA encourages eligible female applicants and applicants from underserved communities as well as individuals with disabilities to submit applications.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a first level (first year) student beginning undergraduate studies in September 2019.
- Must be an Egyptian national.
- Must be enrolled in a BS degree-granting undergraduate program in a Faculty of Agriculture at Ain Shams University, Benha University, Cairo University, or Suez Canal University.
- Demonstrates strong command of the English language.
- Must demonstrate proof of financial need for undergraduate studies.
- Applicants must be from Egyptian public secondary schools.

Documents to be submitted with the application:

- Academic transcript of secondary education.
- Proof of financial need: Letter from a Social Solidarity Office stating the financial status and income of the applicant's family.
- Residential electricity bills for the past 12 months (both winter and summer seasons).
- Family registration document from Ministry of Interior or its branch offices showing number of family members.
- Written confirmation in the essay that student will participate in various COEA extra-curricular experiences, which may include internships, research projects, entrepreneurship programs, job fairs, etc.

Note: The COEA ensures that it will maintain privacy and confidentiality of applicant's personal information and data provided in the scholarship application. Furthermore, submitted information and data will solely be used for processing and evaluating applications.

Scholarship will cover:

- Tuition fees
- Living expenses
- A stipend for meals and school supplies
- A laptop computer
- Fees to attend English language courses
- Support for participation in internship, research, entrepreneurship, and other professional development programs

Main responsibilities of the scholarship recipients include but are not limited to:

- Maintain good academic standing and progress.
- Recipients must complete their degree in four years.
- Participate in COEA-activities aimed at building skills needed in Egyptian agriculture.
- Submit the required periodical reports including CGPA, project work, etc. by the agreed-upon deadlines.
- Submit the required reports on participation in extracurricular COEA experiences by the agreed-upon deadline.
- Work with university faculty and COEA representatives to develop and conduct a senior research/practicum program focusing on a critical issue in Egyptian agriculture.

Note: Details on the roles and responsibilities of scholarship recipients will be available in a scholarship agreement to be signed before receiving the scholarship.

Selection Process and Deadline:

#	Activities	Deadline
1	Submit applications.	December –20, 2019
2	Short-listed applicants undergo English Language Test at American University in Cairo. Short-list applicants based on English Language Test results.	January 2020
3	Interview short-listed applicants in Cairo.	February 2020
4	Finalize the list of the awardees.	February 2020
5	Awardees sign the contract.	February 2020

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Eligible students are requested to submit applications (online) along with all supporting documents by **December 20, 2019 11:59 PM Cairo time.**

Incomplete and late submitted applications will not be considered for scholarships.

Follow these steps to submit application:

- Read the call for applications, including eligibility criteria, and documents to be submitted.
- Collect all the supporting documents to be submitted with the application.
- Fill out the online application.
- Write an essay as asked in the call for applications.
- Attach documents in the appropriate places in the online application.
- When the application is complete, submit it online. You should receive an email acknowledging the receipt of your application.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

What will happen if I apply after the deadline?

You need to apply within the given timeline. Late submitted application will not be considered for scholarship.

In what languages do I have to write essays?

Essay should be written in English.

Will I be notified of submission of my application?

Yes, you will receive an email or notification upon submission of your application.

What is the process for selecting students for this scholarship?

Applicants short-listed after review of academic transcript, proofs/documents of financial needs, and evaluation of essays will be notified to take English Language Test. From those who appear for English Language Test the top scorers (over 60) will be invited to physically appear for in-person interview and then final selection will be made from them.

How will I know if I am selected for scholarship?

You will receive an email. COEA will also send a notification to your home address.

Can I print the application form and submit paper application?

No, you can't. You have to submit an online application.

Can I apply to more than one scholarship at a time?

No, you can't.

What will happen if I am not able to get one or more of the required document(s) from government offices on time?

Since late submitted applications will not be considered for scholarships, it is the applicant's responsibility to get required documents on time and submit with the applications within the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding these scholarships and the application process, please contact ets@coeag.org