

The 2026 Bruce Maunder Memorial Scholarship ***The National Sorghum Foundation***

Dr. Bruce Maunder faithfully served U.S. sorghum producers for more than 20 years through his work as a volunteer research adviser at National Sorghum Producers as well as his participation on the National Sorghum Foundation board of directors. Before joining the NSP team, Bruce directed worldwide sorghum research for DELALB Genetics Corporation and in his 37 years with DEKALB brand was responsible for the release of more than 150 commercial sorghum hybrids grown on as much as 10 million acres in as many as 49 countries. His passion for excellence drove him to continually make an impact for people all around the world. Bruce's dedication and service to the sorghum industry is unparalleled, and it is appropriate to remember him and his dedication not only to sorghum improvement and sorghum growers, but also to future growers, researchers, and end users of the crop he held so dearly. In addition to his work with NSP and DEKALB, Dr. Maunder held numerous national positions including President of the Crop Science Society, Board of Diversity magazine, World Food Prize, and the Sorghum Crop Germplasm Committee of USDA. For more than 20 years he was active with the US/AID INTSORMIL program as Chair of the External Evaluation Panel. National Sorghum Producers and the National Sorghum Foundation appreciate his exceptional service, dedication and loyalty to the sorghum industry and will provide The Bruce Maunder Memorial Scholarship award in his memory.

The National Sorghum Foundation was established to aid and promote higher education in agriculture, more specifically, to promote the study of sorghum and its impact on agriculture. The collective founders of the Foundation including producers, researchers, and private industry know the world of agriculture is changing as times change.

Eligibility Requirements for the Bruce Maunder Memorial Scholarship Award

- **University undergrad students** (*sophomore through senior standing*)
- **Must be enrolled in an agriculturally based department.**

Scholarship Application Contents

- **Students are asked to submit a completed copy of the application**
- **An official copy of current transcripts**
- **At least two letters of recommendation.**
- **A headshot photo for use in a media release**

Scholarship Benefits

A selection committee made up of the National Sorghum Foundation Board of Directors will rank the applications and award the winner of The Bruce Maunder Sorghum Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship package will consist of the following:

- **\$1500 award to be applied toward one semester of tuition expenses**

Timeline:

April 15 – June 1, 2026:	Applications postmarked by June 1, 2026, will be collected from students for review.
June 1 – July 15, 2026:	The selections committee will review the applications.
Aug 1 – Aug 15, 2026:	The winner will be contacted, and funds distributed.



The 2026 Bruce Maunder Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

US Citizen: _____ College or University currently attending: _____

Classification (2026-2027): _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet:

1. What led you to pursue a degree in an agriculturally related field?
2. What role do you see sorghum playing as regards, sustainable agriculture in the 21st century and beyond?
3. Moving forward, water and water issues as related to urban vs. agricultural interests will be significant challenges. How do you see sorghum as a player in this discussion?
4. Dr. Maunder was passionate about preserving germplasm resources as a source of genetic diversity. Why are germplasm resources important and how are they being utilized in breeding programs to address feed and food needs of the 21st century?
5. Currently, grain sorghum is generating a lot of interest in the food arena. Explain why this is so, and what advantages sorghum provides in food products.
6. What are your plans post-graduation and why?
7. Please provide a comprehensive list of your leadership activities since entering college. Include activities external of school, e.g., church, community volunteer, etc.

Are you or any member of your immediate family a member of the National Sorghum Producers?

Membership ID#

(Note: This is not a qualification.)

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Please submit the following information for The Bruce Maunder Memorial Scholarship:

- 1) Official, updated transcripts
- 2) At least two letters of recommendation
- 3) A completed copy of the above application
- 4) A headshot photo for use in a media release

The application package may be submitted to:

The National Sorghum Foundation
Attn: Jeff Dahlberg
4201 N. Interstate 27
Lubbock, TX 79403

Inquires may be directed to Jeff Dahlberg, Chairman of the Foundation at jeff@sorghumgrowers.com or 559-305-3555.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2026. Incomplete application packets received or those application packets which are postmarked after June 1 will not be considered. Applications and supporting letters should be singled sided and not stapled with a minimum font size of 11.