



Scholarship Contests

Event/Activity Details

Length: 2 months

Items Needed:

- Judging rubric(s)
- Funds for scholarship(s)
- Judges

Objective: Participants will share their passion for agriculture through submitting an entry in a scholarship contest.

Implementation Ideas

Ways to bring this event/activity to life:

Writing Contest

Invite students to submit a poem, short story, or essay about your state's agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

Photography/Video Contest

Invite students to submit photos or videos that represent your state's agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

Art Contest

Invite students to submit art such as paintings or welded objects that represent your state's agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

Timeline

Things to keep in mind:

Before

- Identify categories.
- Create judging rubric(s).
- Identify scholarship funds and judges.
- Determine submission logistics.
- Determine location to showcase entries.

During

- Showcase entries online and/or in person at your state Capitol.
- Share details about National Ag Day and your state's agriculture.

After

- Ask state legislators or your state department of agriculture if they will display the winning entries for a period of time.
- Send thank you notes to volunteers and key attendees.
- Share a press release and a social media post about your Ag Day efforts.

Recommended Resources

- National Ag Day Essay Contest rules at www.agday.org
- More agriculture-related activities and resources at www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog