

THE ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE - (AESAs) AGRI-FOOD PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship established in 2005 by the AESA Processing Committee



**The Alberta
Environmentally
Sustainable
Agriculture (AESA)
Agri-Food Processing
Scholarship Fund**

The need to support the small food processor with environmentally related issues is imperative. Many of the small companies would find it financially challenging to undertake detailed studies to solve environmental problems with their plant and may not have the desire and the resources to hire a consultant. Although AESA does mitigate the risk by financially supporting small projects and/or course of study, this is an opportunity to get the research institutions involved and to generate interest in new students.

There is a need to attract new students to the food processing industry and financial support is a strong incentive.

A budget of \$10,000 per year, to a maximum amount of \$3,000 per applicant may be awarded for projects and/or course of study in Agri-food processing relating to the environment each year.

**ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA**

Applicants must:

- be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and residents of Alberta, attending a designated Alberta post-secondary institution.
- be in their second or subsequent year of post-secondary study, and/or involved with or leading a project with an emphasis on Agri-food processing and environment. This may include resource conservation, waste management, value-added opportunities and/or packaging.
- not have previously received this scholarship.

SELECTION

The recipient will be selected based on relevance of the courses to be taken *or* project outline to AESA processing component goals and objectives. Applications will be reviewed by the AESA processing committee to determine the recipient. The decisions by this committee cannot be appealed.

It is the applicant's responsibility to supply all relevant information in the applications. If applying for funding to complete a project, a project description must be included.

**APPLICATION
PROCEDURES**

Application forms and project description outline will be available from Alberta Agriculture and Food (AF) and Alberta post-secondary institutions. Students must complete an application form and if applicable a project description and submit it to Alberta Agriculture and Food's Agriculture Stewardship Division (address below).

The application deadline is **December 15, 2007**.

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by January 15, 2008. The recipient may expect to receive their award in January, after AF receives confirmation of courses of study or project involvement related to agri-food processing and environment.

CONTACT

AESA Agri-Food Processing Scholarship
Attention: Michelle McKinnon (403-948-8512)
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Information on the AESA Program and the processing component is available at
<http://www.aesa.ca> or [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/aesa9737](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/aesa9737)

Application for The Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Agri-Food Processing Scholarship

We are collecting the personal information on this form under the authority of Section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act)*, as being directly related to and necessary to determine your eligibility for a scholarship under the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact Michelle McKinnon with Alberta Agriculture and Food. Phone number is (403) 948-8512 or email is michelle.mckinnon@gov.ab.ca

Please complete the entire application form and if applicable include a project description with your application
Please send an electronic copy to michelle.mckinnon@gov.ab.ca and then the mail the original

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Insurance Number _____

Surname _____

Given Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Birth Date (day/month/year) _____

Email address _____

RESIDENCY

Citizenship (circle) **CANADIAN CITIZEN** or **LANDED IMMIGRANT**

Note: Landed Immigrants must include a photocopy of their papers. Visa students are not eligible for this award.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND DECLARE THAT:

- a) all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- b) I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated;
- c) I will immediately notify the office of Alberta Agriculture and Food in writing if I withdraw from the project before completing it;

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

- a) my personal information pertaining to my post-secondary academic record and project description may be released and exchanged by and between AF branches, the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) committee and council and the educational institution for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship;
- b) my personal information pertaining to my post-secondary academic enrolment status may be released and exchanged by and between AF, AESA Processing Committee and the educational institution for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship;
- c) my personal information may be released and exchanged by and between AF and any provincial government departments, boards or institutions to verify the information I have provided to AF, and for the use in research and statistical analysis in program evaluation.

**I authorize Alberta Agriculture and Food to release my name, address and award value if I receive a scholarship.
I request that Alberta Agriculture and Food contact me to seek consent to use my personal information for any other purpose.**

Yes or No

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Date

It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure their application is complete.



Project Description for The Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Agri-Food Processing Scholarship – 2007/2008

Project Title	
Overall Purpose:	
Describe how the project will benefit the environment and the agri-food processing industry:	
Key Objectives:	
Total cost of the project:	
Expected start date:	Expected End Date:

Where does your project best fit (choose one)

Basic Research Applied Research Technology Transfer Commercialization

Team members (indicate team leader):

Background and objectives:

Contributions to advancement of knowledge in environmental responsibility and agri-food processing.

Project Plan: **Description of scope, design, methods and analysis.**

Knowledge transfer Plan:

Evaluation, accountability and reporting: Indicate how the results will be measured, assessed and reported. These should align with the objectives of the project. Also include a description of project success, and/or criteria when you know it will be considered complete.

Total Project Budget:

Breakdown of costs (capital, manpower, administration/overhead, equipment, materials & supplies)

Total Request from AESA Processing Scholarship Component:

Other relevant information may include:

- Gantt and organization charts of activities, tasks, duration and timelines
- Team roles and team member biographical information
- Listing of other similar projects
- Assumptions, risks and issues.