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## Michigan Corn Offering Collegiate Scholarships

LANSING, Mich. – Corn growers plant seeds in the spring with the hopes of harvesting a bountiful corn crop in the fall. This year, growers are also planting seeds for the future through the sixth annual Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) scholarship program. The MCGA board of directors will award a minimum of two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

“With an aging population, a priority must be put on young peoples’ education. I certainly appreciate the opportunity for the children of our state’s corn growers to be able to compete for this scholarship,” said Jeff Sandborn, MCGA president and a corn farmer from Portland. “The MCGA board of directors looks at this scholarship program as a way to give back to our members, while promoting higher education to young adults.”

All members of the MCGA, including students, growers and associates, as well as children of members, between the ages of 17 and 25 are qualified. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at a post-secondary educational institution during the fall 2012 semester in order to be eligible. **All applications must be received in the Michigan Corn Growers Association office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012.** Applications can be obtained from the MCGA office by calling 1-888-323-6601 or online at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).

The application must include a membership identification number. The MCGA policy states that one membership equals one person. Only one application per membership number will be accepted.

Students enrolled in a full-time educational program with an interest in the agriculture industry are eligible for a one-year membership in the MCGA for \$20. Grower and associate memberships in the MCGA are \$60 for one year, \$155 for three years, or \$500 for a lifetime.

Other benefits MCGA members are entitled to include:

- A collective legislative voice on state and national legislation and policy.
- Free attendance to the MCGA Annual Meeting, where key agricultural issues are examined and discussed by corn growers and legislators. This year’s meeting will be held on Feb. 7 at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.
- Free attendance to the Thumb Area Golf Outing on Aug. 14 at Verona Hills Golf Club in Bad Axe; the Central Michigan Golf Outing on Aug. 16 at Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield; and Ethanol Night at the Races on Sept. 8 at Dixie Motor Speedway in Birch Run.
- Membership in the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).
- A quarterly MCGA newsletter.
- Discounts with Auto Owners Insurance, natural gas discounts with Volunteer Energy, home services discounts with Connect Your Home and many more statewide benefits.

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- Discounts from Ford Motor Company, Dell, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Cabela's through the NCGA.
- The opportunity to serve on the MCGA board at the county, state or national levels, and to become involved in NCGA Action Teams and Committees.
- The opportunity to apply for a rebate and a scholarship for the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).
- Eligibility to apply for a Farm Women's Symposium Scholarship, and
- The chance to apply for a Great Lakes Leadership Academy Scholarship.

For more information, or if you would like to purchase a membership, please contact the MCGA at 1.888.323.6601 or email us at [membership@micorn.org](mailto:membership@micorn.org).

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association that has represented the political interests of the state's corn growers since the 1970s. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. Michigan's corn industry adds more than one billion dollars to the state's economy annually, and in 2010, Michigan's corn farmers harvested a record-setting crop of more than 315 million bushels. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at [www.micorn.org](http://www.micorn.org).

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