



# SCHOLARSHIP

## Deadline for Application: March 1, 2024

**The Catfish Farmers of Arkansas** is an association of catfish producers, suppliers/industry-related businesses, and research/extension/education personnel involved in promoting, producing, and marketing Arkansas farm-raised catfish.

Each year, the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas awards two \$1,000 scholarships, one each for fall and spring semesters. Awards are for undergraduate (in either 2-year or 4-year programs) study and may be used for education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board. Recipients are encouraged to attend the annual convention of the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas and make a short presentation on their experience or interest in the catfish industry in Arkansas.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in or have committed to enrolling as a full-time undergraduate student in a course of study for either a 2-year associate or a 4-year bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in Arkansas.
- Demonstrate a strong interest/experience in the Arkansas catfish industry through a letter of recommendation from someone engaged with the catfish industry, either a catfish farmer, someone who provides services to the catfish industry (such as Wildlife Services or a company that provides supplies to the catfish industry), research, or otherwise involved in the catfish value chain (could include sales, promotion, catfish restaurants/catering, or others connected with the catfish industry).
- Minimum grade point average of 2.75 (high school if applicant is an entering freshman; otherwise current college GPA).

### **To Apply:**

1. Complete the attached application form.
2. Write and attach a 300-word essay that describes your interest in the Arkansas catfish industry.



3. Provide documentation that you are either currently enrolled in or have committed to enrolling in either a 2-year or 4-year program of study at an accredited college or university in Arkansas.
4. Attach a current transcript (college or high school for those who will be college freshmen in the fall) to verify GPA.

Mail application form, essay, and related documentation to: Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, c/o Carole Engle, 320 Faith Lane, Strasburg, VA 22657. Email: [cengle8523@gmail.com](mailto:cengle8523@gmail.com).

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## APPLICATION FORM CATFISH FARMERS OF ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of study (freshman, sophomore, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Attach a 300-word essay that includes the following information:**

1. Description of your background, including any experience that you have had in aquaculture, or specifically with catfish. Experience can include working on a farm, company, or other entity connected with the catfish industry (can include Wildlife Services, sales, promotion, catfish restaurants, research, etc.)
2. Explanation of your career goals and whether you would be interested in a career involving the catfish industry.
3. Description of your interest in aquaculture generally and catfish specifically.

**B. Attach a current transcript (college or high school for those who will be college freshmen in the fall) to verify GPA.**

**If selected, I understand that I will receive free registration to attend the Catfish Farmers of Arkansas annual convention. If able to attend, I agree to make a short presentation on my experience/interest in the Arkansas catfish industry. If unable to attend, I agree to either upload a short YouTube video or write a short letter on my experience/interest in the Arkansas catfish industry to be read at the Convention.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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