



OCIA Research & Education
Organic Crop Improvement Association
OCIA - Scholarship Criteria
For Students in Post-Graduate Studies

OCIA RESEARCH & EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT	Our mission, as a Research and Education Board, is to provide information and education to organic producers and the general public regarding organic farming practices. The information is gathered through research and field trial methods, and is compiled in a way to provide proper answers to specific organic questions. Our goal is to see top quality organically grown products sold to an informed consumer who realizes the significance that their purchase has made for the health of the planet.
PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP	To encourage study and research in the area of organic agriculture
FIELD OF STUDY	Organic and sustainable agriculture at any post-secondary institution
VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
DURATION	Awarded annually for a research project
DEADLINE	Completed applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked by <u>January 15, 2010.</u>
CONDITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student applying must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution and be taking post-graduate work. • Research must be limited to areas clearly benefiting organics.
ELIGIBILITY	Any graduate student at any post-secondary institution
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	OCIA Research and Education will administer the scholarship
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	<p>The student must complete the application form and submit it along with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of application including summary of research project (see application) 2. Letter of acceptance and intent of research submitted by student's college advisor and/or supervising faculty 3. Two letters of recommendation and support from current and past instructors.
OBLIGATION OF WINNER	Scholarship winner must present a written summary at the conclusion of the research project to OCIA Research & Education and make a presentation to a local OCIA chapter.
PAYMENT OF AWARD	Funds will be forward directly to the scholarship winner. Before funds are released, the winner must provide a brief biography, a photo, and consent to have both appear in OCIA promotional materials.
APPLICANT FORMS	<p>Download forms online at www.ocia.org</p> <p>Email application and forms to: atunink@ocia.org</p> <p>For questions, please contact Angie Tunink at atunink@ocia.org</p>