



SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE

South Carolina Department of Agriculture &
Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry & Life Sciences

2008 APPLICATION FORM

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SCCSA INFORMATION

Address: F153 Poole Agricultural Building, Clemson, SC 29634
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APPLICATION DEADLINE AND NOTIFICATION

Completed applications are due postmarked by May 16th, 2008.

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee. Approximately 30 students will be chosen to participate and emphasis is placed on students who desire to pursue studies or a career in the agriculture and natural resource industries. Once the selection process is complete the student can expect to receive a letter announcing the decision in June.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the application has been completed according to the directions and that it has been mailed by the postmark deadline. The SC Commissioner's School for Agriculture is not responsible for lost, incomplete or delayed applications, or for those sent to incorrect addresses.

This application form expires May 16th, 2008 and may not be submitted after that date.

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July 19th – 26th

The SC Commissioner's School for Agriculture (SCCSA) provides challenging and enriching college-based experiences for a limited number of rising 11th and 12th grade students.

Each college-based program provides an academically focused curriculum that integrates subject matter from a variety of related disciplines with the overall theme of agriculture and natural resources.

MISSION:

SCCSA is a premiere career and leadership development summer program that informs, inspires and challenges student participants to consider a career in the agricultural, natural resource and life science industries, and to be model citizens of leadership and influence for these industries as they embrace an agriculturalist philosophy.

Academic Programs May Include:

- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Forestry, Wildlife & Environmental Sciences
- Food and Packaging Science
- Horticulture, Turfgrass & Agronomy

Additional Programming May Include:

- AgriBusiness and Policy
- Alternative Fuels
- Organic Food Production
- Clemson Admissions & Financial Aid
- Rafting with Wildwater, Ltd.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently a high school student in 10th or 11th grade. Must be on track to enter 11th or 12th grade.
- Home schooled students are eligible.
- Genuine interest in pursuing a college degree related to agriculture and natural resources.
- Must submit a completed application form and all related materials by the deadline.

COST:

A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is required upon acceptance. This deposit is credited toward total tuition costs. Please do not send this money with the application.

SC residents	\$250	Out-of-State residents	\$500
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Through private funding and donations, the cost to SC students has been kept to a minimum. Each student must provide his or her own spending money as well as transportation to and from Clemson University. In the event a student cannot afford these expenses, we encourage students to find local sponsors who can assist them. All program participants are housed on the Clemson campus and all meals are provided.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **May 16, 2008**. Application packet should include:

1. Personal Data Forms
 2. Parent/Guardian Form
 3. Workshop Ranking
 4. Personal Essay
 5. Science Teacher Recommendation
 6. Community Leader Recommendation
 7. High School Transcripts
- **REVIEW** all forms before proceeding with the application process. Complete the information lines at the top of the reference forms.
 - **PERSONAL DATA & PARENT/GUARDIAN FORMS:** Complete all requested information.
 - **WORKSHOP RANKING FORM:** Rank from 1 to 10 to indicate which workshops of the 23 possible, are of interest to the candidate. (1 = most interested to 10 = least interested)
 - **ESSAY FORM:** Detailed instructions on form.
 - **SCIENCE TEACHER REFERENCE FORM:** Select a science teacher to complete the reference. Home schooled students should call the SCCSA office for advice on identifying a reference. Do not add extra references or substitute a teacher from a different subject.
 - **COMMUNITY LEADER REFERENCE FORM:** Select a leader from the community to complete the reference. Do not add extra references or substitute an individual for a community leader. Past examples include: industry representative, employer, mayor, fire chief, pastor, troop leader, 4-H advisor, FFA advisor, district commissioner, etc.

Check List:

- Personal Data Form
- Parent/Guardian Data Form
- Workshop Ranking Sheet
- Personal Essay
- Science Teacher Recommendation
- Community Leader Recommendation
- High School Transcript (can be unofficial)

PERSONAL DATA FORM

PART I: Applicant Information

Name of Applicant _____
Last First M.I. Preferred

Male Female

Address _____
PO Box, Street Number, Route

City State Zip

Home (area code + number) e-mail Address

County Local Newspaper

Students Date of Birth _____

Shirt Size XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

How do you identify yourself? *This information is confidential and will be used for statistical accounting only.*

- African American Asian Bi-Racial/Mixed Race Caucasian/White
 Hispanic/Latino Indian Native American Other
 Choose not to answer

PART II: School Information

I attend: (check one) Public School Private School Home School

School District _____
Name of School District in which student resides

School _____
School student attends

School Address _____
PO Box, Street Number, Route

City State Zip

Expected Grad Year _____ Current GPA: _____
Must be on a 4.0 scale

Please check courses below that you have completed or are currently enrolled:

- Agriculture AP Environment Calculus Algebra I
 Biology Chemistry Pre-Calculus Algebra II
 AP Biology AP Chemistry Geometry Other related: _____
 Environment Science Physics Trigonometry _____

PERSONAL DATA FORM - 2

This section can be replaced or supplemented by a resume

Honors and Awards:

Activities: Athletic, Academic, Social and Community. List offices held.

Employment (PT/Summer): Employer, dates, type of work, and estimated hours.

How did you learn about the SC Commissioner’s School for Agriculture?

Counselor/Teacher Program Alumni Magazine or Newspaper Website

Other _____

APPLICANT’S STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information I have provided is accurate and that the work submitted is my own. I acknowledge that information about my selection, photos and projects may be shared with the public. I also understand that it is my responsibility to return this form and the required attachments.

Applicant Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE:

I have reviewed the information on this form and give my permission for my child to proceed with the application procedures. I authorize my child’s school and its employees to release any information necessary about this applicant. Furthermore, I recognize that it is my child’s responsibility to ensure that the complete application is filed in accordance with the stated deadline. I am aware that the SC Commissioner’s School for Agriculture cannot respond to requests for individual assessments or appeals.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM

Parent/Guardian

Last First M.I.

Address

PO Box, Street Number, Route

City State Zip

Phone

Home (area code + number) Alternative Contact Number

Employment Info

Occupation

Emergency Contact Information:

Name

Last First M.I.

Address

PO Box, Street Number, Route

City State Zip

Phone

Home (area code + number) Alternative Contact Number

Health, Allergies, Disabilities, Dietary Restrictions:

Please provide any information the SCCSA staff should know about the applicant's health, allergies, disabilities, dietary restrictions or related. Please provide documentation where necessary.

Special Needs:

Please provide any information about any special needs the SCCSA staff should be aware of.

WORKSHOP RANKING

The SCCSA planning committee will seek to accommodate students in their chosen academic field. To help us place you in the appropriate track and to create new programming, please rank the following areas relative to your interests.

Number your ranking 1 – 4 using each number **ONLY ONCE!** Please review the example ranking before completing your own.

EXAMPLE RANKING

- 4 Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- 1 Forestry, Wildlife & Environmental Sciences
- 3 Food and Packaging Science
- 2 Horticulture, Turfgrass & Agronomy

YOUR RANKING

- ___ Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- ___ Forestry, Wildlife & Environmental Sciences
- ___ Food and Packaging Science
- ___ Horticulture, Turfgrass & Agronomy

Applicant's Full Name

PERSONAL ESSAY FORM

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Essay will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Technical (spelling, grammar, essay and sentence structure)
2. Content
3. Creativity

Please type or neatly write your response. You may include supplemental pages.

Please write an essay to address the following:

Explain your current involvement in and interest to pursue studies or a career in agriculture, natural resources and/or related areas.

SCIENCE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

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1. Who may complete this form: A teacher in any subject considered "science," who has had the applicant in a class or as an advisee, may complete this form. The choice of reference is the applicant's. The applicant need not be studying with the reference at present; however, the student should be careful to choose someone who can best and most completely answer all questions. *Parents or legal guardians may not complete forms for their children. Home schooled students should call for advice on references.*
2. This form must be signed and dated.
3. Please complete this form and return it immediately to the student in a sealed and signed envelope. Application materials are due May 16, 2008.
4. The application will be disqualified if it is late or incomplete. This form expires June 1, 2008.

Applicant's Name: _____

High School: _____

Reference Name: _____

Subject: _____

PART I:

For each item below, please assess the applicant by assigning one of the following values:

A=Exceptional B=Above Average C=Average D=Below Average E=No opportunity to observe

___ Initiative and independence

___ Written communication skills

___ Oral comprehension

___ Interaction with others

___ Team Player

___ Maturity

___ Attitude

___ Enthusiasm towards learning

___ Other: _____

PART II:

How does the applicant compare in overall promise with other students with whom you have had contact in the last three years? Please check one statement below:

Among the very best I have known

Very good, but not the very best

Average

Below Average

PART III:

Please check one selection below to indicate your recommendation for the applicant for the SC Commissioner's School for Agriculture.

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations Not Recommended

PART IV:

Please write a statement about this applicant's strengths and weaknesses, explaining why you rated the applicant as you did in Parts I, II and III. Please cite examples of outstanding contributions, achievements or challenges. Your response is important and will assist the selection committee in understanding if this student is ready for a sustained, intensive living/learning experience. *You may use the space below or staple a letter to this form.*

Please check here if you are attaching a letter.

Signature of Educator

Date

Address

Phone

COMMUNITY LEADER RECOMMENDATION FORM

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1. Who may complete this form: Any representative from the community who knows the applicant and can comment on their character and abilities. Past examples include: industry representative, employer, mayor, fire chief, pastor, troop leader, 4-H advisor, FFA advisor, district commissioner, etc. The choice of reference is the applicant's. The applicant need not be studying with the reference at present; however, the student should be careful to choose someone who can best and most completely answer all questions. *Parents or legal guardians may not complete forms for their children. Home schooled students should call for advice on references.*
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Applicant's Name: _____

Title: _____

Reference Name: _____

Organization: _____

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___ Other: _____

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Please check here if you are attaching a letter.

Signature of Reference

Date

Address

Phone