# Scholarship Contests

## Event/Activity Details

**Length:** 2 months  
**Items Needed:**  
- Judging rubric(s)  
- Funds for scholarship(s)  
- Judges  
**Objective:** Participants will share their passion for agriculture through submitting an entry in a scholarship contest.

## Implementation Ideas

**Ways to bring this event/activity to life:**

### Writing Contest
 Invite students to submit a poem, short story, or essay about your state’s agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

### Photography/Video Contest
 Invite students to submit photos or videos that represent your state’s agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

### Art Contest
 Invite students to submit art such as paintings or welded objects that represent your state’s agriculture or a theme you have predetermined. Award the winners accordingly.

## Timeline

**Before**
- Identify categories.  
- Create judging rubric(s).  
- Identify scholarship funds and judges.  
- Determine submission logistics.  
- Determine location to showcase entries.

**During**
- Showcase entries online and/or in person at your state Capitol.  
- Share details about National Ag Day and your state’s agriculture.

**After**
- Ask state legislators or your state department of agriculture if they will display the winning entries for a period of time.  
- Send thank you notes to volunteers and key attendees.  
- Share a press release and a social media post about your Ag Day efforts.

## Recommended Resources

- National Ag Day Essay Contest rules at [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org)  
- More agriculture-related activities and resources at [www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog](http://www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog)