

AG SCHOLARS PROGRAM
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Current High School Seniors

1. Achieve a composite score of 27 on the American College Test (ACT) or an equivalent score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and have demonstrated experience in livestock production and health.
2. Complete the enclosed Application.
3. Fill out the top line and the bottom portion of the Guidance Counselor Report and give it to your counselor for completion. An official copy of your transcript of high-school work completed to date must be attached to this report from your counselor.
4. Fill out the top line and the bottom portion of each of the Admission Evaluation Forms. Two forms should be completed by your teachers, at least one of who is a science teacher. If you have had the opportunity to work/shadow/volunteer with a veterinarian, an evaluation from them is recommended (three evaluations, in addition to the Guidance Counselors Report, must be submitted to complete the application).

Additional evaluations will not be accepted.

5. Complete an application for admission to the undergraduate program at the University of Missouri. (Failure to complete this application makes you ineligible for the Ag Scholars Program).
6. It is suggested that you give your counselor and each of your evaluators a return envelope that has already been stamped and addressed to The University of Missouri, Ag Scholars Program, W203 Vet. Med. Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211.
7. **Applications must be received in our office by April 1 of your senior year or September 15 as MU Freshman.** (Early submissions receives no advantage)
8. Completed application files will be reviewed by a screening committee and applicants will be notified of decisions in a timely manner.

Current University of Missouri Freshmen (1st semester freshman follow HS instructions above)

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2. Complete the enclosed Application.
3. Fill out the top line and the bottom portion of the Guidance Counselor Report and give it to your counselor for completion. An official copy of your transcript of all high-school work completed must be attached to this report from your counselor.
4. Fill out the top line and bottom portion of each of the Admission Evaluation Forms. At least one form must be completed by a high-school science teacher and at least one form by an MU professor from whom you took a course this academic year. (If applying Sept. 15th no MU faculty is required) If you have had the opportunity to work/shadow/volunteer with a veterinarian, an evaluation from them is recommended.

5. It is suggested that you give your counselor and each of your evaluators a return envelope that has already been stamped and addressed to The University of Missouri, Ag Scholars Program, W203 Vet. Med. Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211.
6. After Fall grades have been posted on your MU transcript, request an official transcript to be sent to the address in #5 above. (If applying Sept 15th no fall grades are needed)
7. **The deadline for applications to be received in our office for MU freshmen is September 15 or April 1 of spring term.**
8. Completed application files will be reviewed by a screening committee and applicants will be notified of decisions in a timely manner.

List high school courses for which advanced placement was received _____

Have you taken college courses while in high school? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, indicate the institution, courses, and grades received _____

School activities _____

Work Experience

| Start date | End date | Employer | Hours per week |
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Other activities (community, church, employment, medically-related, etc) _____

Honors received _____

Guidance counselor _____ Telephone No. _____

Additional Information Requested for MU Student

MU Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Semester Enrolled at MU _____ Student ID# _____

Courses for which advanced placement or CLEP credit was received _____

General Honors courses taken _____

Activities _____

Academic advisor _____ Telephone No. _____

Attach a type written statement in the space provided, please describe your experience or interest in livestock production and health. (Such as participation in a livestock enterprise as either a family member or employee; high school enrollment in at least two years of agriculture course work; or participation in FFA, 4H or equivalent organizations with projects directly related to either livestock production or health)

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPORT

Candidate's Name _____

Please write a current appraisal of the candidate's academic and personal qualities and promise as a candidate for the Ag Scholars program. We are particularly interested in evidence of the student's character, maturity, independence, values, and any special talent or quality that the candidate possesses. We are interested in a brief narrative that will give us added insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate. (If you attach a letter of recommendation, please also provide a rating and your signature below.)

In view of this applicant's strengths and weaknesses, how well do you believe he or she is suited to the study and preparation for a professional career? (Circle the appropriate number.)

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Marginal | | Average | | | Outstanding |

Signed _____

Mail this form and all requested supporting materials to: Office of Admissions, W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 65211.

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ADMISSIONS EVALUATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVALUATORS

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IN MARKING THE EVALUATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

Rate the applicant on a scale of 1 to 6 on the lines to the left of each statement. On this scale, a 6 is the highest possible rating and should be reserved for the most outstanding individuals based upon the particular characteristic. Accordingly, a 1 is the lowest rating and should be reserved for those individuals who are seriously deficient in this quality.

In order for this rating system to have maximum usefulness, we ask you to guard against inflating your ratings. It is assumed that the average applicant would receive ratings of 3 or 4 on some or all of the characteristics. If your rating is low average or below (1, 2, 3), please provide comments that would enable us to further evaluate the candidate. If you have no information or insufficient information to answer on a particular quality, put an X on the line. Where possible, expand your ratings by giving specific instances or descriptions of behavior in the space following each item. On the back page, please discuss other relevant instances or describe behavior of the applicant which led you to assign your rating. Your comments will greatly aid us in the evaluation of the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding the completing this form, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions, at 573-884-3341. After completing this form, please return it to: University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, W203 Vet Med Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (The Buckley Amendment) provides that, should the applicant matriculate, he/she will be entitled to inspect all records kept by the College of Veterinary Medicine, including the evaluation forms. However, the applicant may waive the right to inspect the evaluation form by signing in the appropriate place on the form.

Tear off and discard.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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Candidate's Name _____

Evaluator's Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

NOTE: Please refer to the instructions for evaluators before completing the form.

With what peer group are you comparing this applicant?

Under what circumstances and during what period have you known this applicant?

To be completed by candidate (Please sign A or B):

A. I hereby waive my right to see this evaluation should I matriculate at the University of Missouri.

Signature Date

B. I decline to waive my right to see this evaluation should I matriculate at the University of Missouri.

Signature Date

Please feel free to add relevant comments and specific examples in the space provided following each item. If your ratings are low average or below (1, 2, 3), your added comments will help us evaluate the applicant. Using 1 (Low) to 6 (High) and an X for unable to evaluate, rank the degree to which the person...

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- ____ 13. Is able to learn from others; is charitable toward mistakes and failures of others; is adaptable to all sorts of people.
- ____ 14. Is motivated toward a career in Veterinary Medicine primarily by idealism, compassion, and the desire to serve others.
- ____ 15. Is aware of his/her own limitations and tolerant of the opinions and lifestyles of others.
- ____ 16. Has a warm, outgoing, friendly personality; is cheerful, optimistic; has a sense of humor.

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