

Sage Award for College Juniors in Agro-Forestry

The New York State Maple Producers' Association (NYSMPA) is pleased to announce a Memorial Award honoring the life time work of the late Roger C. Sage. For over 50 years, Roger demonstrated a passion and engagement in the maple industry locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. A goal of the NYSMPA and the Sage Award Committee is to encourage the advancement of students engaged in forestry and related sciences who are addressing woodland-based production with an emphasis in non-timber outputs. The Sage Award will be given annually to a deserving undergraduate student who has completed the equivalent of their Junior year (90 cr. Hrs.) while enrolled in an approved Baccalaureate program in Forestry, Natural Resources, Food Sciences, Natural Resource Economics or an applicable plant science curriculum. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who show studies relating to maple syrup or value-added northern hardwood products.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- 1) Be a New York State resident,
- 2) Be majoring in one of the curricula identified above,
- 3) Possess a 3.0/4.0 grade point average
- 4) Complete the NYSMPA Sage Award application,
- 5) Provide a copy of your academic transcript (advisor's copy will suffice)
- 6) Present a written statement of career goals and include how this award will assist those goals,
- 7) Present a scholarly work (essay) equivalent to a 500 word paper representing an aspect of candidate's original work,
- 8) Provide a resume,
- 9) Provide a letter of recommendation from student's academic advisor
- 10) Provide contact information for one additional unrelated reference

Application Forms and Deadlines

Award forms are available from the New York State Maple Producers Association office at 301 Myron Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219 or by going to the NYSMPA website at: nysmaple.com/SAGEAWARD. The Sage Award decision will be based on: a points system following evaluation by a committee charged with ranking all submissions. Emphasis for ranking will include: Scholastic preparedness, applicant's involvement in agroforestry (maple in particular), extracurricular activities, application responses and quality of the written essay. The Sage Award Committee will review and evaluate all applications, make a final decision and recommend an award candidate to the Board of Directors of the NYSMPA.

Completed application packets must be returned to the NYSMPA offices no later than close of business July, 14 2017. Award recipient will be notified no later than July 28, 2017.

Award Details

The Sage Award (\$1,000) will be provided in two equal payments: the first will be awarded on September 1st and the second will be awarded upon receipt of grades (transcript) following the first semester Senior year. A copy of the candidate advisor's academic transcript must be sent to the Sage Award Committee at the NYSMPA offices for review. The student must maintain a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA to receive the second award payment.

**The Sage Award Committee
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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _() _____

email: _____

Educational information:

College/University: _____

Address: _____

Major: _____ Academic advisor: _____

Credit hours earned: _____ QPA: _____

Please attach the answers to these questions on a separate sheet

- Describe your career goals:

- Do you anticipate further educational pursuit, ie, graduate school?

- List your involvement in pertinent agroforestry/environmental or natural resource activities, ie, 4-H, FFA, Forestry organizations, etc:

- Do you live or work on a farm?

- Have you or your family been involved in any aspect of Maple Syrup production? Explain

- Essay/ scholarly work

Your scholarly work (essay) is perhaps the most critical part of this competition. Prepare your work carefully and present it professionally. The document could be a major paper that you prepared and presented as part of your academic program. It should be pertinent to the Maple industry or closely related to some aspect of agroforestry. Showy covers, drawings and photographs are discouraged. We simply want to judge your written work. Pay particular attention to referencing the work and words of others by using proper citation. If you haven't written an original piece relating to the requirements of this competition you might consider addressing some aspect of a very old industry (maple sugar making) in competition with other, cheaper or more readily available agricultural products. Just what do you see as the future for this specialty crop which is not easily duplicated off-shore?

APPLICANT'S Signature _____ Date: _____

