



Arizona Cotton Ginners Association

TOM JEPSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

1. The Arizona Cotton Ginners Association's Scholarship has been established for a student from Arizona whose Parent/Grandparent is an employee of an Arizona Cotton Gin or whose Parent/Grandparent is an Associate Member of Arizona Cotton Ginners Association involved in business directly related to the cotton ginning industry. The applicant must attend a college or university with at least a two-year degree.
2. The scholarship will pay a minimum of \$500 per year toward educational purposes. (subject to change if excess funds are available).
3. The scholarship will be awarded for a one-year period, but students may re-apply for the next year.
4. To be considered, the applicant must meet the following requirements:
 - The applicant must be a child/grandchild of an employee of an Arizona cotton gin or be the child/grandchild of an Associate Member whose business is directly related to the ginning industry.
 - The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation, the Statement of Educational Purpose, and the School and Community Activities form in a timely manner.
 - Applications should be presented in a neat, legible manner
 - The applicant must submit all high school and college transcripts with GPA each semester.
 - **Completed applications which include the biographical information form, (2) letters of recommendation, Statement of Educational Purpose and the School and Community Activities Form must be received no later than April 30, 2026.**
 - It is the applicants' responsibility to verify that the application was received in a timely manner by the Arizona Cotton Ginner Association.
 - **The applicant must complete and submit the application to:**

**Arizona Cotton Ginners Association
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 545
Coolidge, Arizona 85128**

e-mail application to: melissa@rivergin.com

Recipient of the Arizona Cotton Ginners Association Scholarship will be chosen by the committee of the Arizona Cotton Ginners Association based on the student's application, recommendations, Statement of Educational Purpose, School and Community Activities and financial need. In order to qualify for second semester funding the recipient must maintain a 2.25 GPA as evidenced by school transcripts and maintain a full-time student enrollment status. Exemptions may be granted to the above requirements on a case-by-case basis.

******New Applicants: Please print pages 2-6, Current Scholarship Recipients: Please print page 7.**

**ARIZONA COTTON GINNERS ASSOCIATION
Scholarship Recommendation Form**

Note to Applicant: Please duplicate this form. Two letters of recommendation are required.

Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Recommender (check one): Teacher _____ **Other** _____

I know the applicant (check one): Thoroughly _____ **Fairly Well** _____ **Barely** _____

We would like your frank, confidential statement based on your knowledge of the applicant. Please indicate your association with the applicant and the reasons you believe he/she would be a worthy candidate for the Arizona Cotton Ginnners Association Scholarship.

Recommender's Name (print) _____

Recommender's Signature _____ **Phone ()** _____

Mailing Address _____

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You may provide a copy of your recommendation to the applicant if you wish. This recommendation is due in the scholarship committee **no later than April 30, 2025.** An applicant will be disqualified for consideration if the recommendation is not received by the deadline.

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Scholarship Information School and Community Activities

In the space below, please list all school and community activities in which you have been involved. Please include all dates of participation along with awards you have won or offices you have held.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	DATES

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	DATES

College level upcoming Fall Semester (circle one) FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

If you are currently attending college, please indicate the number of credit hours you have completed and the number of credits you are, or will be enrolled in, for the upcoming semester.

Hours completed _____ Hours enrolled for upcoming semester _____

Biographical Information

Name of Parent/Grandparent affiliated with AZ Cotton Ginners Association
Employer of Parent/Grandparent:
Address/Phone Number of Employer:

Applicant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Home Address _____
 Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____
 Social Security # _____ School Residence _____
 School Residence Phone () _____ Single _____ Married _____

Education: List all High Schools and Colleges attended (including your present school) with dates of attendance and graduation or anticipated graduation date. Please start with your current enrollment.

Name & Location of School	Dates Attended

Employment:

Employer and Address	Dates

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Scholarship Information Statement of Educational Purpose

In the space below, or on an attached sheet of paper, write a short essay (at least 150 words) concerning your educational plans and how you intend to finance your education (scholarships received, savings, etc.) Also tell how your educational plans relate to your future goals.

Applicants Signature _____

**Arizona Cotton Ginners Association
Current Scholarship Recipient Reapplication Form**

Applicant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Social Security # _____

Current School _____ School Residence _____

School Residence Phone () _____ Single _____ Married _____

***Please include proof of enrollment prior to each semester and a current school transcript that includes grades for each completed semester.**

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