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2026 Peanut Proud Graduate Scholarship

Sponsor: Peanut Proud

About: The intent of the Peanut Proud Scholarship is to reward a *graduate* student studying in the U.S. who recognizes the importance of food safety and has the desire to help build the confidence of consumers by ensuring the best quality food for consumption.

Deadline: April 24, 2026

Award: A \$2000 scholarship plus expenses* paid to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana July 26-29, 2026.

*Transportation, lodging, meals (not to exceed \$50/day)

Eligibility: Application for the Peanut Proud Scholarship will be accepted from qualified *graduate* students actively engaged in food science or food safety. This scholarship is for graduate students studying in the U.S.

In addition to their academic accomplishments, students must exemplify celebrated personal attributes by demonstrating a proven commitment to the community through charitable works and volunteerism.

Selection Criteria:

Candidates will be selected by the following criteria:

- Must have made advancements or contributions to the peanut community
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Record of community service



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Procedures and Deadlines for Submission:

A completed entry must include the following:

- Completed application form. Incomplete entry forms may be disqualified.
- Summary of applicant's activities as they relate to the selection criteria, no longer than two pages.
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's major professor stating why he or she deserves the award.
- All applications must be received by April 24, 2026.
- All entries become the property of the Peanut Proud Board and will not be returned, nor will they be kept on file for subsequent years.
- Winners are responsible for all taxes.
- All entries should be emailed to Darlene Cowart at dcowart@birdsongpeanuts.com no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 24, 2026.

Notification:

The winner will be notified by email on or before May 1, 2026. The winner is required to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana July 26-29, 2026. The scholarship check will be presented during the opening ceremonies on Sunday, July 26, 2026.



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Please remember to attach a summary of your activities as they relate to the selection criteria. Your summary should not exceed two pages.

I acknowledge that all information contained in this entry is accurate and that the entry will be disqualified if it fails to meet any of the requirements detailed in the entry package. This entry shall become property of the Peanut Proud Board upon submission.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

