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Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering (BASE)  
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## Will the road you are traveling get you to *New York City*?

Dear Potential BASE Student:

New York City, one of the world's greatest metropolises. A city where one can find love, happiness, joy, sadness, fame, and all the material things the world has to offer. Every man, woman, and child wants to visit New York City to fulfill their wildest dreams.

Of course, getting to *New York City* is just a metaphor for fulfilling one's dreams and aspirations in life. Your *New York City* might be obtaining your B.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.D., or D.V.M. degree or becoming a renowned scientist, engineer, lawyer, entertainer, or entrepreneur. For others, their *New York City* might only be to realize the American dream, i.e. to own a fine house, two cars, a boat, and maybe even a snow mobile. But, unless you have achieved a certain level of education or, are in the right income bracket, you will probably never reach your *New York City*.

No matter what your *New York City* is, you will have to travel many different roads to get there. And based on your present outstanding academic achievement you have already journeyed some of these roads. If you look at a road map you will see that there are many roads to New York City. The one you take is purely your choice. In our College of Agriculture & Food Sciences (CAFS) at Florida A&M University (FAMU), we have one highway, BASE, very few minorities are traveling to reach their *New York City*.

In life there are three things you must do to reach your *New York City*.

1. **You must visualize your *New York City*.** Only you can develop your vision. A Seeing Eye Dog can help a blind man get from point A to B, but the dog cannot give him vision. Just like the Seeing Eye Dog, in the BASE program, we can teach you engineering knowledge and help you get from where you are to your *New York City*, but we cannot give you a vision. However, we can help you crystallize your vision.
2. **You must plan the trip to your *New York City*.** Like any unknown journey, you must plan your trip carefully. You don't just wake up one morning and decide I am going to New York City; you must have a plan to get there. In life, you may be caught without many things, but you should never be caught without a plan for reaching your destination. In a traditional trip to New York City you might employ a travel agent to help you plan your trip if you have not been there before. A travel agent will provide you a road map and identify the directions and highways to take. The agent will also tell you approximately how long it will take you to reach New



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York City. We would very much like to be your travel agent. We will provide the science, math, communication, leadership, analytical skills, internship opportunities, and career guidance that you will need to reach your *New York City*.

- 3. You must implement the plan to reach your *New York City*.** We are here to help you plan your journey, but the implementation is your responsibility. Over the years, I have observed that students are very good at visualizing their *New York City*, but it is the implementation of their journey where so many fall short. As I stated earlier, you are already on the right road to your *New York City*, but the question is: Are you traveling in the right direction? In BASE, we will ensure that you are traveling in the right direction.

It is a fact of life that we very seldom get a second chance, under the same circumstances, to make a life changing decision. And the great difference between an individual who succeeds in life and one who fails is how he or she takes advantage of and uses his or her first chance. Therefore, this is your chance to select BASE as your highway to *New York City*.

Sincerely,

Charles Magee, PhD  
Professor

*“No race or nation can be completely free if all its groceries are in someone else’s pantry.”*

~Charles Magee~



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# **\$cholarships**

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The College of Agriculture & Food Sciences (CAFS) is seeking outstanding students to apply for more than 100 scholarships ranging in values from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Additionally, the College employs more than 50 students with an annual payroll exceeding \$250,000. CAFS offers degree programs in Business (Agribusiness and International Agriculture and Business), Engineering (Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering), and Science (Animal Science, Food Science, Entomology, Plant and Soil Science). Other degree programs in the College include Forestry and Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape Design and Management. Should you be interested in applying for a scholarship in any of these majors, please see the CAFS website at [www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm](http://www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm) or contact Dr. Charles Magee at the address below. Florida A&M University, located in Tallahassee, Florida, is an 1890 Land-Grant University. In 2006, Black Enterprise Magazine voted Florida A&M University the number one Historically Black College and University (HBCU), for African American students, and in Fall 1997 FAMU was selected by the Times Magazine -Princeton Review as College of the Year.

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# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

College of Agriculture & Food Sciences (CAFS)

Florida A&M University

**General Information:** (Please type or print)

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Student I.D. Number

Gender:  Female  Male Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number City State Zip

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number City State Zip

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No Perm Res.:  Yes  No FL Res.:  Yes  No Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Race or Ethnic Group:

African American  Asian  Black  Caucasian  Hispanic  Indian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Classification at FAMU:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Transfer:  Yes  No First Semester Transfer:  Yes  No

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_ Semester 20 \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score\* Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score\* Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

\*High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ \*Only if you are a First-Time-In College student.

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_: Major selected in CAFS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please state the name of the scholarship (s) for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your application must include the following:

▪ **CAFS Financial Aid form**

**Extra Curricular Activities:** Please describe organizations/clubs in which you participate (specify leadership experience)

- **Letters of Recommendation:** The application package must include **three original letters of recommendation** which must be sealed and signed across the seal by the recommender.

- **Resume/Transcript:** Please submit one copy of your **current resume** and an **unofficial copy of your transcript** with this application.

- **Essay:** To complete this application package, you must write a minimum **500-word essay** on the subject **“Why I selected a major in CAFS and deserve this scholarship”**

You will immediately become ineligible for any of the **CAFS** scholarship funds, if you are found to withhold any funding information or if your application contains false information.

### Submit Application to:

Charles Magee  
Biological & Agricultural Systems Engineering (BASE) Office  
307 North Perry-Paige Building  
Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307-4100  
Telephone No.: (850) 561-2198; \*Fax No.: (850) 599-8586  
Website: [www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm](http://www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm)

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Academic Advisor or Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*You may apply for more than one CAFS scholarship; however, in no case will you be awarded more than one scholarship.

\*Under no circumstances will faxed Scholarship Applications be accepted.



# CAFS FINANCIAL AID FORM

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Florida A&M University

**Directions:** Fill in name and Student I. D. # only. **This page will be forwarded to the Office of Financial Aid for completion.**

## I. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*You must provide the student ID if you are presently enrolled at FAMU.

**Student's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## II. TO BE COMPLETED BY FAMU FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR

Please *type* the name and type of financial assistance, other scholarships, financial aid, etc. that the student above has received or applied for:

Source of Financial Aid /Scholarship(s)	Amount	Applied	Received	Expiration Date
_____	\$			_____
_____	\$			_____
_____	\$			_____
_____	\$			_____
_____	\$			_____
_____	\$			_____

I certify that the above student is receiving the listed financial aid /scholarship(s).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Date



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## **CAFS SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST**

- Completed application form
- Completed CAFS Financial Aid form
- Extra Curricular Activities
- 500 Word Essay
- Three (3) original letters of recommendations enclosed in sealed signed envelopes

**Notes:**

1. One letter must be from your academic advisor or high school counselor.
2. You may apply for more than one CAFS scholarship; however, in no case will you be awarded more than one scholarship.





**Name of Scholarship:**

**Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering (BASE) Scholarship\*\***

**Purpose:**

This scholarship is to attract well qualified minority high school and transfer students to a Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering (BASE) course of study at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

**Number of Scholarships:**

At least five (5) annually

**Value:**

Five thousand (\$5,000) for in state students and a maximum of \$10,000 for out of state students. The Scholarship can be used to help defray the cost of tuition, fees, and room and board.

**Criteria:**

- High school recipients must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- A SAT score of at least 1060 or an ACT score of 24 (verbal and math).
- For the \$10,000 scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.5 GPA and a SAT score of at least 1160 or an ACT score of at least 27(verbal and math).
- Transfer students must have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
- All recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, be enrolled in fifteen (15) hours of undergraduate courses per semester, and pass all courses attempted.
- Must be a US citizen.
- The applicant is required to apply for financial aid (contact the Office of Student Financial Aid, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307-3200).
- The scholarship can only be used for Fall and Spring semesters.

**Application Deadline:**

June 30th, for fall semester scholarship consideration. November 30<sup>th</sup>, for spring semester consideration.

**Starting Date:**

August 15th of each year.

**Expiration Date:**

N/A

**Renewable or non-renewable:**

The BASE scholarship may be renewed, provided funds are available, a maximum of nine semesters if recipient maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

**\*\*Application: Must use BASE application**

See CAFS' website: [www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm](http://www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm)

**Contact Information:**

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\* ( ) Number of scholarships



**Name of Scholarship:**

**Ernestine Bowls**

**Purpose:**

This scholarship is intended to attract well qualified minority college students to a course of study in food science.

**Value:**

One thousand (\$1,000) for each student: the scholarship can be used to help defray the cost of tuition, fees and room and board.

**Criteria:**

- African American female students must be enrolled in food science.
- Juniors, seniors and transfers students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale).
- All recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and be enrolled in fifteen (15) hours of undergraduate course work per semester.
- The applicant is required to apply for financial aid (contact the Office of Student Financial Aid, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307-3200).
- The scholarships can only be used for the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Students must participate in at least one of CAFS' clubs or other collegiate organizations.

**Application Deadline:**

June 30th, for fall semester scholarship consideration. November 30<sup>th</sup>, for spring semester consideration.

**Starting Date:**

August 15th of each year.

**Renewable:**

This is a nonrenewable scholarship.

**Application:**

See CAFS' website: [www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm](http://www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm)

**Contact:**

Chair, CAFS Scholarship Committee  
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**Name of Scholarships:**

1. **The Florida Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Agricultural Sciences Scholarship (FRRCASS) †**
2. **General Agriculture Scholarship (GAS) \***

**Purpose:**

These scholarships are intended to attract well qualified minority high school and college students to a course of study in the agricultural sciences.

**Value: must like working with others**

One thousand (\$1,000) for each student: the scholarship can be used to help defray the cost of tuition, fees and room and board.

**Criteria:**

- Students must be enrolled in an agricultural sciences program of study.
- Must be from a rural area.
- Entering Freshmen must have an SAT score of at least 1100 (verbal and math combined), or an ACT score of 24 (verbal and math combined)
- Sophomores, juniors, seniors and transfers students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- All recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and be enrolled in fifteen (15) hours of undergraduate course work per semester.
- The applicant is required to apply for financial aid (contact the Office of Student Financial Aid, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307-3200).
- The scholarships can only be used for the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Students must participate in at least one of CAFS' clubs or other collegiate organizations.
- Recipients will be required to write the President of the Florida Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Board of Directors to extend their appreciation for the award.

**Application Deadline:**

June 30th, for fall semester scholarship consideration. November 30<sup>th</sup>, for spring semester consideration.

**Starting Date:**

August 15th of each year.

**Renewable:**

These scholarships may be renewed up to four times, provided funds are available.

**Application:**

See CAFS' website: [www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm](http://www.famu.edu/oldsite/acad/colleges/cesta/welcome.htm)

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**Name of Scholarships:**

**Florida A&M University 2+2 Natural Resource Management Program**

1. General Agriculture Scholarship (GAS) (12)\*

**Purpose:**

To provide financial assistance and summer work experience to academically outstanding and/or deserving students interested in a career in Natural Resource Management and meet academic requirements.

**Number of Scholarships:**

There will be 6-8 scholarships awarded in total.

**Value:**

- o Up to \$2,500.00 per semester for each student: the scholarship can be used to help defray the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board.
- o Up to \$1,500 in tuition assistance for summer school upon transfer to the partner university to complete degree in natural resource management.

**Criteria:**

- Graduated from an accredited high school (or an approved GED program);
- Earned a least 19 academic units of credit (4-English, 3-Mathematics, 3-natural sciences, 3-social sciences, 2-foreign language, and 4-electives);
- Has made a satisfactory score the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT);
- Has a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, (on a scale of 4.0). or higher;
- Is transferring from another college or university with at least 60 semester hours, on an A.A. degree in the same or related field of study had have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5

**Application Deadline:**

June 30th, for fall semester scholarship consideration. November 30<sup>th</sup>, for spring semester consideration.

**Starting Date:**

August 15th of each year.

**Renewable:**

These scholarships may be renewed up to four times, provided funds are available and if students continue to meet eligibility requirements.

**Application:**

See CAFS' website: <http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?a=cesta&p=Scholarships>

**Contact:**

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\* ( ) Number of scholarships

**Name of Scholarship: NRCS – CAFS Scholarship**

**Purpose:**

This scholarship is designed to increase student engagement in natural resource management while providing students with adequate technical skills for employment with NRCS.

**Number of Scholarships:**

Approximately eight (8) scholarships or less, depending available funding.

**Value:**

Two thousand and five hundred One thousand (\$2,500) per student: the scholarship can be used to help defray the cost of tuition, fees and room and board.

**Criteria:**

- Students' courses of study must meet the qualified educational requirements for either the **Soil Conservationist (GS-457)** or **Agricultural Engineer (GS-890)** standards. Eligible courses of study include:
  - **For Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science**, the **Agronomy** major offers all the courses needed to qualify for the GS-457.
  - **For Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science**, the **Animal Science** curriculum in both the **Industry Option and the Pre-Vet** emphasis areas meet some of the requirements for the GS-457 standards. Students may take one Restrictive Elective offered (AGR 3210 - Field Crops, 3 semester hours) through the college that will count for their degree program. The other 9 semester hours in crops and soils may not count for their degrees but must be taken to qualify for GS-457.
  - **For Bachelor of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BASE)** curriculum, both the **Natural Resources Conservation Engineering** and **Bio-processing and Food Engineering** emphasis areas are properly accredited to meet the GS-890 standards.
- Students must possess and maintain a **minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA** (on a 4-point scale)
- The scholarships can only be used for the fall and spring semesters.
- Must be a United States citizen.

**Application Deadline:**

April 30th, for fall semester scholarship consideration. November 30<sup>th</sup>, for spring semester consideration.

**Renewable:**

This is a nonrenewable scholarship.

**Application:**

See CAFS' website: (please insert website) or USDA Liaison Office, CAFS

**Contact:**

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