Minnesota Wheat Graduate Student Scholarship

The Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers (MAWG), the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council, in conjunction with the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, is now accepting applications for a Graduate Student Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to two graduate students who meet the selection criteria listed below. The timeline for this scholarship is tight, so do not delay in expressing interest and completing an application.

**Purpose:** The purpose of these scholarships are to connect the young researchers of tomorrow with a group of young agriculture professionals representing production operations and private industry in NW Minnesota, who are a part of the newly establish Ag Peer Group. The outcomes will be networking between young ag professionals, cross training between research/production/industry, and shared experiences about the importance of research in moving agriculture forward to meet future production problems and increase farm profitability.

**Amount:** Funding for this scholarship will be at the $1,500 level for each scholarship and administered in two installments. The first installment will be immediately following the first meeting of the Ag Peer Group, and the second immediately following the conclusion of the final convening meeting of the Ag Peer Group which will be at the Prairie Grains Conference in December, 2017. The scholarship will be administered and awarded outside of the university.

**Eligibility:** The scholarship award applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. In good standing as a graduate student (M.S. or Ph.D.) in a program within the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources at North Dakota State University.
2. Have applied thesis research with a field component for either hard red spring wheat or soybean in a program of study within Plant Sciences, Plant Pathology, Soil Science, Entomology, or equitable program.
3. Preference will be given to individuals with intentions to stay and work in the region (Northern Great Plains) after graduation.

**Requirements:** The scholarship period will be March 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2017, until the end of 2017, or less than one full year, and consist of a few requirements within that scholarship period.

1. March 9, 2017 meeting in Fargo, ND with the Ag Peer Group from approximately 1:00p – 9:00p
   a. Campus agriculture tour, meeting with the Ag Peer Group, social activity, and dinner
2. One day in June, July or August summer research plot tour with the Ag Peer Group
3. Meeting at Prairie Grains Conference, December 14, 2017
Application: Applications must include the two requisite documents listed below:

1. Letter of application (Maximum 1 page, single spaced, Times New Roman size 12, default margins) from the nominee describing:
   a. Description of your thesis research
   b. Description of how your thesis research benefits a producer of your researched crop
   c. Description of the goals for your agriculture career (near or medium term)
   d. Description of how improving your networking skills within the agriculture industry will help you meet your career goals
2. Resume or CV

Selection: Final selection will be made from a five person panel representing staff at the MAWG, MWRPC, MN Farm Bureau, and a producer representative.

Deadline: Nominations should be submitted by March 1, 2017, to Grant Mehring (Paper Copy: 470C Loftsgard Hall, Mailbox on first floor Loftsgard; or electronic copy: grant.mehring@ndsu.edu). Awardees will be contacted immediately after final decision, likely by March 3rd, 2017.

Questions: Contact Grant Mehring with any questions (p: 701.429.7434, email/office listed above)