

**AAEA- the Ag Communicators Network**  
**CULTIVATING YOUNG AG JOURNALISTS PROGRAM**

*Sponsored by: AAEA Professional Improvement Foundation through a grant from Alltech*

AAEA –the Agricultural Communicators Network believes it is vital to provide professional development and education opportunities for its younger members to attend the annual Ag Media Summit. Based on our recent survey of members, attending AMS is a major motivating factor that builds professional skills and provides networking and AAEA engagement opportunities that our members find valuable.



The Cultivating Young Ag Journalists Program, made possible by **Alltech**, will help reach that goal of continuing to provide development and education for the nation's leading Ag communicators.

### **Program Scope**

To provide 5 young Ag Journalism leaders with \$800 stipends each to attend the 2019 Ag Media Summit and IFAJ Congress joint event in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with the option for another \$1000 stipend to attend the Alltech Ideas Conference in Summer 2020 as schedules allow.

### **Applicant requirements**

- Must have current [membership with AAEA in the 'EDITORIAL' or 'ASSOCIATE' category](#)
- Must be 45 or younger
- Provide two PDF samples of recent work
- Required Attendance at the 2019 Ag Media Summit in Minneapolis, MN in July
- Stipend winners are encouraged to remit a brief story of their experience at AMS or covering a specific session for the AAEA Byline newsletter following the Summit.
- Optional Attendance at the Alltech Conference May 2020

*\*This program is not related to the current Andy Markwart Horizon Award, although members can apply for both programs.*

*\*\*Stipend checks will be written post AMS to ensure participation and attendance.*

### **About the Ag Media Summit**

The 2019 Ag Media Summit will be held in Minneapolis, MN. The AMS event includes professional development sessions, breakfast, lunch and trade show admittance. Visit [www.agmediasummit.com](http://www.agmediasummit.com) for more information about the conference and to view the agenda under the Programs tab.

### **About the Alltech Ideas Conference**

The Alltech Ideas conference will be held Summer 2020 and promises to be an experience jam-packed with ideas, innovations and solutions for the agriculture industry. The annual international conference draws more than 3,000 attendees from nearly 80 countries. Visit [one.alltech.com](http://one.alltech.com) for more information.

***Please send application and materials to Ellie Watson at [ewatson@asginfo.net](mailto:ewatson@asginfo.net) by May 31, 2019.***

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*Application*

Name:

Affiliation/company:

Phone number:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Social media handle(s):

List any other professional activities or organizations you are involved in:

Are you an AAEA 'Editorial' or 'Associate' member?     Yes                     No

Included on a separate page, tell us in 150 words or fewer why you want to be a part of the Cultivating Young Journalists Program. In addition, please send 2 samples of recent work.

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