



**2018 USDA Food and AgScience Summer Program**  
**hosted at the**  
**UC DREC/Farm Smart**  
**in Holtville, CA**

**APPLICATION of Interest**

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| <b>Student's Name</b>   | First:                       | Middle:      | Last:  |
| <b>Home Address</b>   | <b>Street</b>                |              |  |
|   | <b>City</b>                  | <b>State</b> | <b>Zip Code</b>                              |
| <b>Telephone Number</b>   | Home (    )                  |              | Mobile/Cell Phone (    )                     |
| <b>E-Mail Address</b>   |                              |              |  |
| <b>Gender:</b>  | Male _____ Female _____      |              |  |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade or 11<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Fall 2018:</b> | Sophomore _____ Junior _____ |              |  |
| <b>High School Name</b>   |                              |              |  |
| <b>Parent/Guardian's Name</b>   |                              |              |  |
| <b>Telephone Number</b>   | Home (    )                  |              | Mobile/Cell Phone (    )                     |
| <b>Parent/Guardian's E-Mail Address</b>                                 |                              |              |  |
| <b>Emergency Contact Name</b>   |                              |              | <b>Telephone Number</b>                      |
|   |                              |              | Home: (    )<br>Mobile/Cell Phone:<br>(    ) |

**APPLICATION of Interest MUST BE RECEIVED via E-MAIL by May 24, 2018**

**“submit in PDF document format”**

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If selected to participate in the **2018 USDA Food and AgScience Summer Program hosted at the UC DREC/Farm Smart**, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations that govern the program, and to make proper use of the educational advantages offered. If for any reason, I violate any part of the Student Contract, I acknowledge that I can be dismissed from the program, and sent home immediately.

The program will be comprised of 40 hours with in-field training, laboratory sessions, and regional field trips. This will be **from June 15, 2018 through July 12, 2018**.

I affirm that the information submitted in my application package is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a U.S. citizen:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's Signature)

**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL RELEASE FORM

I certify that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, who is enrolled with this agreement, is in excellent health, and may participate in strenuous physical activities associated with the program. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless USDA and the selected university, its officers, servants, agents, and/or employees, contractors, and insurers from any and all claims for injuries sustained by my child during his/her participation in this program.

Permission is hereby granted to the USDA and the selected university to use pictures and video(s) of my child in any promotional materials, as well as to travel on field trips both in and out-of-state.

Permission is granted in the agreement for my child to receive emergency medical treatment, if needed, and I certify there are no limits to my child's participation in the program activities, except as stated in writing, and included with a supplemental medical history.

I understand and acknowledge that the program does not offer any medical insurance to protect against injuries, makes no claims to do so, and has no responsibility for any medical expenses incurred. I understand that each participant must assume the risk and any related financial responsibility that could result from participation in any of these activities. I agree to assume any risk and financial responsibility.

I have received a copy of the Student Contract for the **2018 USDA Food and AgScience Summer Program hosted at the UC DREC/Farm Smart**, and I have reviewed it with my child.

**Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT CONTRACT

Acceptance into the **2018 USDA Food and AgScience Summer Program hosted at the UC DREC/Farm Smart** is a privilege, but it also requires students and parents to assume certain responsibilities.

**Student:** I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a participant in the above mentioned program, do hereby accept the conditions stipulated below:

1. I will participate in and be on time to all sessions and activities, unless excused.
2. I will conduct myself in a respectful and courteous manner at all times.
3. I will attend where assigned, and realize that I will be in constant contact with people from varying cultures and ethnic affiliations.
4. I understand that there are guidelines that need to be followed.
5. **I will not smoke, or use drugs or alcohol during the program, and I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home immediately AT MY PARENT’S EXPENSE.**
6. **I will not engage in fraternization, cohabitation, or co-mingling of any kind during the program. Friendships are encouraged from a platonic standpoint only. Any disregard in this matter, or any other infractions may be cause for dismissal from the program, and my parents will be alerted of the misconduct.**
7. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to equipment or facilities.
8. I understand that all profanity, horseplay, fighting, or inappropriate acts is prohibited.
9. I understand that other than a clock/radio, no electronic equipment (including TVs, portable radios/music players, or computer games) will not be allowed.
10. There will be no aggressive behavior tolerated at any time. This includes fighting, bullying, cyber-bullying, undue persuasion, assault, cursing, and general disregard for myself, and the people around me.
11. Student will respect the facilities on and off campus, at all times.
12. The use of cell phones and other handheld devices is strictly prohibited during the visits and presentations. For any such misuse, the instrument will be confiscated until the end of the program.
13. Participants of the program are not allowed to have personal vehicles on campus.
14. Appropriate attire will be required at all times. No student will be allowed to wear overly provocative or offensive clothing.
15. If there are any discrepancies of any kind, they should be brought to the attention of supervision and handled accordingly. No infractions of any kind should be handled by the students.
16. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the program.

**Student’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# PICTURE AND VIDEO RELEASE STATEMENT

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I fully understand the conditions stipulated above, and hereby give full consent to USDA and the selected university to reproduce my child’s picture and/or video in future promotional material.

**Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ESSAY

## “submit in PDF document format”

The essay must:

- Be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font size
- Include your name, high school name, will be 10<sup>th</sup> Grade or 11<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Fall 2018, mobile/cell phone number and telephone number, and your e-mail address in the upper left corner of the first page below your title for the essay.
- Be two (2) pages in length
- Be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1,000 words
- Address the five questions below within your essay:
  - ✓ Why I Want to Attend the **2018 USDA Food and AgScience Summer Program at the UC DREC/Farm Smart**
  - ✓ What I Want to Learn
  - ✓ What are My Future Career Goals and How I Plan to Achieve Them
  - ✓ What are My Future Higher Education Goals and How I Plan to Achieve Them
  - ✓ What are Some of My Hobbies and My Interests

Include information about your interest in agriculture, food, nutrition, natural resources, conservation, sustainability, rural development and prosperity, social sciences, and/or other related issues.

In addition, any STEM-related courses you have taken, as well as any educational learning experiences, extracurricular, or volunteer activities you have participated in related to STEAM fields of study.