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How has your experience with the scholarship application process influenced your understanding of the importance of sustainability in agriculture and food systems?



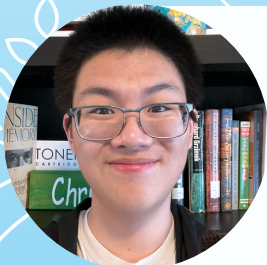
Lena Park - Grade 11 student

Through my scholarship application process for the DFC Here for Tomorrow Scholarship, I was able to learn in depth how diverse the agricultural field is and how crucial sustainable agriculture is to our future. The process has compelled me to research, think about, and understand the modern-day challenges faced by our current agriculture system and how the complexities affect communities worldwide. Overall, this scholarship has enlightened me to pay attention to and contribute to a thorough understanding of the connection between agriculture, sustainability, and people.



Victoria Pitsiaeli - Grade 12 student

The scholarship application process enabled me to reflect seriously on the impact of agriculture and sustainability on every industry sector. The thinkAG activity helped me to direct my thoughts, goals and passions to work toward a specific agricultural career that is right for me: I want to find solutions to complex agri-food systems, while improving financial, economic and environmental sustainability within the agricultural world, figuring out how we can most efficiently grow food. ThinkAG has shown me who I really am, how I fit into the agricultural career puzzle and has helped me realize the endless opportunities.



Calvin Cao - Grade 12 student

thinkAG and DFC's resources brought to my attention threats to global health and food security that I'd never considered. Through the application process, I learned about how climate change is supercharging crop pests and diseases, and studied cool technology like AI and drones that can be used to combat them. As someone going into computer science, this is a meaningful area I want to research someday!



Olivia Szerepi - Grade 11 student

My experience with this scholarship application process has significantly helped me to understand the importance of actively working to help the sustainability of agriculture and food systems. This was an opportunity for me to learn more about the agriculture sector and about the many roles that are key to its success. Although the farming industry may seem distant to some, there is a mutual relationship between farmers and the rest of society in making sure that a crucial sector such as this is supported so that the rest of society can be supported as well.



Edward Sy - Grade 12 student

The DFC Here for Tomorrow encouraged me to explore how the agricultural industry incorporates sustainability throughout all of its procedures, from research to production, export, storage and many other aspects. The scholarship made me better understand and appreciate the intensive work that goes into bringing food to our tables – I find it quite amazing how even a single orange is the culmination of numerous well-planned steps to protect the planet and improve food security.

