

# DOORWAYS TO AGRICULTURE INTERNSHIP

## **WHO:**

Motivated Texas college/university undergraduate students who want to join an exciting team promoting Texas agriculture and products to diverse audiences during one of the many Texas livestock shows and rodeos.

## **WHAT:**

A seven-day internship opportunity with the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Doorways to Agriculture (D2A) exhibit that allows undergraduate students to gain experience in agricultural education and public engagement while promoting Texas agriculture. The Doorways to Agriculture exhibit utilizes walkthrough trailers with interactive games, live commodity presentations, and large screen video productions to engage and educate the many visitors by opening the “doorway” to interesting facts and information about Texas agriculture.

## **Annual internship opportunities include:**

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo  
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo  
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo  
Rodeo Austin  
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo (Mercedes)  
Tri-State Fair & Rodeo (Amarillo)  
State Fair of Texas (Dallas)

## **Basic criteria:**

- One week internship, seven consecutive days (Sunday to Saturday rotation)
- Two (2) interns will work together each week
- Arrive at the designated hotel Saturday evening of scheduled week. Depart on Saturday at completion of scheduled week. Arrival and departures will be coordinated with the Outreach Coordinator.
- Work Schedule: 15 minutes prior and 15 minutes after defined exhibit hours of operation. Shift hours vary by venue operational schedule.
- Lunch break and morning/afternoon breaks provided.
  - A TFB staff member will be present to show the logistics of starting and closing the exhibit and core responsibilities.

- TFB:
  - Hotel rooms will be provided by TFB.
  - Meals provided or reimbursed:
    - Breakfast provided at hotel. Lunch and dinner voucher provided or reimbursement.
    - Will provide a detailed training for all participants.
    - Will provide parking and admission passes.
- Interns:
  - Interns will provide their own transportation to/from venue and hotel and daily to/from event. (No mileage or gas reimbursement)
  - Must complete all internship responsibilities
- Interns will receive a scholarship that will be sent to the respective college's admissions office/financial aid office after completing internship requirements.
- Multi-university request and schedules will be coordinated as best as possible.

### **Application Details:**

To apply for the internship, complete the form on [texasfarmbureau.org](https://texasfarmbureau.org).

### **Contact Information:**

If you have any questions, call or email Todd Swick at [254.751.2608](tel:254.751.2608) or [tswick@txfb.org](mailto:tswick@txfb.org).

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## Collegiate Scholarship Program Requirements Checklist

### Internship overview:

- Sunday through Saturday internship.
- Two students per week selected.
- The scholarship will be awarded and payable to your college or university after the internship ends.

### Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must complete all responsibility requirements (listed below)
- Must be an undergraduate
- Prefer student pursuing a career in agriculture
- List college/university information
- Interns must have a satisfactory criminal background check (cost to be reimbursed by TFB)

### Responsibility requirements:

- Arrive promptly and follow established check-in procedures.
- Deliver messaging provided by TFB in an informative manner within various settings.
- Participate in TFB and Doorways to Agriculture messaging training.
- Engage with the audience and deliver content during agricultural presentations and school tours.
- Interact with audience in a positive welcoming manner.
- Create discussion with audience about various agricultural topics.
- Provide general upkeep of the exhibit during slow times, including sanitizing screens and caring for the livestock on display (i.e., feeding livestock and other general maintenance).
- Interns should wear position appropriate attire that can get dirty but look presentable. Such attire includes dark jeans, a collared shirt, Texas Farm Bureau logoed attire, nice blouse, etc.
- Manage and care for supplies, request and replenish, as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.