

# SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. William C. “Bill” Baisley  
*2014 “Sumpin’ Big” Scholarship Opportunity*



William C. “Bill” Baisley has been a key leader throughout his career in Georgia agriculture and will always hold a place of prominence in the economic success of our state’s \$20.9 billion poultry industry. He has been an active member of the Georgia Agribusiness Council for more than 30 years serving in every leadership position possible. Bill

helped lay the foundation, secure the roof, and strengthen the load bearing walls of our organization by insisting on sound management based on the fundamentals of service and a love for people.

In 1991, facing a number of challenges, GAC leaders conducted a strategic planning retreat in Macon. Simply, Bill challenged the group to dream big. Bill said, “Fellows, we need sumpin big.” The challenge yielded a commitment to study providing worker’s compensation insurance to the agribusiness industry in Georgia. AgriTrust of Georgia serves over 400 businesses and provides self-funded direction to this vital component of business insurance covering over 16,000 food and fiber industry employees. Bill was a founding trustee and remains active today. Many people played an important role in the formation of AgriTrust, but Bill’s original challenge set the journey in motion.

**Purpose:** To provide financial aid to a qualified undergraduate student or incoming college student majoring in any agriculture-related subject in an accredited college or university in Georgia.

**Funds:** Proceeds are derived from the GAC Foundation by donations from agricultural businesses.

**Award: Up to Two individual scholarships of \$1,000;** non-renewable. Scholarship recipients to be awarded (2) tickets to the Harvest Celebration and recognized on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014.

**Judging:** The selection of the scholarship winners is made by the Scholarship Committee of the Georgia Agribusiness Council and is based on the criteria listed below.

The Georgia Agribusiness Council (GAC) is an chamber-like organization comprised of more than 800 member businesses throughout the state of Georgia. Founded in 1966, GAC provides economic services, legislative representation, and agricultural communications to the state’s \$76 billion agriculture industry. You can learn more about GAC by visiting us online at [www.ga-agribusiness.org](http://www.ga-agribusiness.org) or follow us on Twitter @GAagribusiness. You can also find us on Facebook. We are proud to support the future of agriculture through this program, which is paramount to our mission:

*“To Advance The Business of Agriculture Through Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship & Education  
 To Improve The Quality of Life For All Georgians.”*

## 2014 William C. "Bill" Baisley "Sumpin Big" Scholarship Application

Please type or print:

Date:

Name in Full: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Status: HS Senior \_\_\_ Coll. Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_

Major Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month & Year)

Is official copy of most recent transcript enclosed? \_\_\_\_\_

List scholarships, prizes and awards received:

Please also provide **one letter of recommendation** from a teacher or supervisor along with your application.

*All applications should be sent in one envelope including this form, essay answers, one letter of recommendation, and your most recent available transcript.*

Essay Questions - Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper in **250 words or less** each.

- What is the greatest challenge facing agriculture today?
- What is your occupational objective after graduation?
- Why do you qualify for the scholarship? (Include statement of financial need.)

**Applications are due postmarked by Friday, October 24, 2014.** Please submit to:

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