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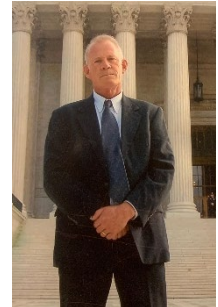
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## **Scott E. Fancher Agricultural Law & Policy Fellowship**

The National Agricultural Law Center, a unit of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, in partnership with the [National Association of State Departments of Agriculture](#) (NASDA), and the [NASDA Foundation](#), is inviting second-year law students with an interest in pursuing a career in the agricultural industry to apply for a fellowship in the Washington D.C. area.

The fellowship honors Scott E. Fancher, who served the agricultural community and others as an agricultural lawyer, mentor, USDA Farm Service Agency County Executive Director, producer, and United States Marine.



The selected student will be placed at the NASDA Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia during the summer of 2026, gaining hands-on experience in agricultural law issues that directly impact state departments of agriculture and others. The Fancher Fellow will conduct supervised legal research and writing on key agricultural and food law issues, while also attending activities such as Congressional committee hearings, briefings, and other relevant legal and policy events.

Successful applicants will be law students in the United States who are completing their second (2L) year during the 2025-26 academic year. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the agricultural industry; strong legal research and writing skills; and a minimum GPA of 3.25 (preferred). This is a full-time position, with compensation set at \$25/hr. It will take place during the summer of 2026 (mid-May to early-August, with scheduling flexibility). Housing is not provided. **The application deadline is January 5, 2026.**

Interested individuals should submit a cover letter that describes the applicant's interest in pursuing a career in the agricultural industry, along with a current resume, three references (contact information for two professional references, plus a letter of reference from a third that speaks to the applicant's research and writing skills), an unofficial law school transcript and a writing sample (10 pages or less). Completed applications as well as inquiries should be sent to [nataglaw@uark.edu](mailto:nataglaw@uark.edu).

All candidates will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status. Persons requiring special assistance to participate in the application process should notify the contact person. The University of Arkansas System Division is an AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/DISABLED/VETERANS/E-VERIFY EMPLOYER.