



# 2026 ARKANSAS RICE REPS PROGRAM TIMELINE & INFORMATION

REV 2/2026

APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rice Reps are encouraged to use #RiceReps26 and tag Arkansas Rice on social media posts.

Winners of all contests will be announced at the final reception.

RSVP to all experiences via email one week in advance (space limited on some events).

Dates and events are subject to change.

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### APRIL

#### ORIENTATION

April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Little Rock @ 6:00 PM

### MAY

#### FACEBOOK CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$1,000 • 2ND PLACE \$500

Rice Reps headshots shared to Arkansas Rice Facebook Album. Contest ends May 29, 2026 @ 5:00 PM.

#### FOOD BANK OR FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer at your local food bank during the month of May and add a photo to your log.

### JUNE

#### X (TWITTER) CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$1,000 • 2ND PLACE \$500

Contest ends June 30, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

#### RICE MILL OVERVIEW

June 17<sup>th</sup> in Stuttgart

#### FARM TOURS

June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Stuttgart | June 24<sup>th</sup> in Newport | June 25<sup>th</sup> in England

### JULY

#### TRADITIONAL MEDIA CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$1,000 • 2ND PLACE \$500

Rice Rep coordinates with local media to tell the Arkansas Rice story including but not limited to newspaper, radio etc. Submissions due July 31. Winner judged by independent panel from Arkansas Rice Council Board.

#### INSTAGRAM CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$500 • 2ND PLACE \$250

Rice Reps post promotional photo using hashtag #EatARice. Contest ends July 31, 2026 @ 5:00 PM.

#### RICE COOKING CLASS

July 16<sup>th</sup> in Little Rock

#### FIELD DAY

July 30<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg

### AUGUST

#### TIKTOK RECIPE CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$500 • 2ND PLACE \$250

Rice Reps create and demonstrate a recipe featuring Arkansas-grown rice on August 1st.

#### FACEBOOK VIDEO CONTEST • 1ST PLACE \$1,000 • 2ND PLACE \$500

Rice Reps submit educational video no more than 2 minutes by 5 PM, August 28, 2026 to kick off rice month (September); video with most likes and shares on RiceDay wins.

#### ROW CROP FIELD DAY

August 6<sup>th</sup> in Stuttgart

### SEPTEMBER

#### GRAND RICE REP SCHOLARSHIP • \$5,000 2ND PLACE SCHOLARSHIP • \$3,000 • 3RD PLACE SCHOLARSHIPS • \$1,000 (2)

Grand Rice Rep Scholarship Application due September TBD. Winners judged by independent panel from Arkansas Rice Council Board.

#### RICE DAY

TBD in Little Rock

#### RICE REP AWARDS

October 11<sup>th</sup> in Little Rock • All participants and scholarships will be awarded at this event.

DATE SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCE MANDATORY EVENT