

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
OPEN EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Open Exhibitor Youth Scholarship is sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. and is open to high school seniors who are activity exhibiting or participating in the Fair, or has participated 3 out of the 4 high school years, in the Fair. The Board of Trustees is proud of our exhibitors and feels strongly about supporting our youth, while creating awareness and promoting agriculture and education in our district.

A total of \$3,000 in scholarship funds is available to be awarded and distributed for the Fall term of the year of qualifying.

Annual Award Distribution: A minimum of \$500.00 up to a maximum of \$3,000 is awarded to qualifying applicants. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the school upon proper documentation of school registration and course selection.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be an active exhibitor or participant in the Fair, or has participated 3 out of the 4 high school years, in the Fair, hold a 2.5 GPA, and be a current high school senior. This includes seniors who are concurrently dual enrolled in a college.

Application: Completed applications must include three letters (3) of recommendation and school transcript or certified record of grades. Letters of recommendation should be from diverse backgrounds. Example: 4-H, School, Business or Community Leader.

Award Criteria:

- 20% - Range of Fair entries and participation (ie. Creative Living entries, Talent Show)
- 20% - Leadership roles
- 25%- Essay - write an essay telling about yourself including your most memorable Fair accomplishments, **in activities other than the Livestock Department**, educational plans and career goals, and how you see yourself giving back to the Fair Industry in the future.
- 10% - Community Volunteer Service Hours
- 10 % - School, community, and/or church activities
- 10 % - Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application.

Ranking: Applications are reviewed, graded, and ranked by the Scholarship Review Committee based on Award Criteria listed above.

Due Date: April 8, 2019. Applications received after April 8, 2019 will be penalized one (1) point per day up to three (3) days. Applications received after April 11, 2019 will not be accepted.

Submit to: Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc.,
Attn: Open Exhibitor Youth Scholarship Program
11831 Bayshore Road
North Fort Myers, Florida 33917

Applicant # _____

Date of Receipt: _____

(Office use only)

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
OPEN EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2019**

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Years of Fair Participation _____

School you currently attend: _____

College you will be attending: _____

College Major: _____

Provide your high school grade point average. A certified record of your grades must accompany this application.

High School - GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

Scholarship Questions:

Applicants must submit answers to the following questions in order to be considered for this scholarship. Answers to your questions must be typed using a format of your choice; however, you are limited to a total of no more than three (3) single-sided pages. Type should be no smaller than 12 point Times New Roman. Margins should be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ " on all four edges. Questions and pages should be numbered.

1. Provide information on the range of your Fair entries and participation. (20 points)
2. List your major school/club leadership roles. This could include, but is not limited to, committees and offices held. Please provide the level of participation behind each role (L=Local; C=County; M=Multi-county; R=Regional; S=State; N=National) (20 points)
3. Essay Submittal. Write an essay about yourself including your most memorable Fair accomplishments, ***in activities other than the Livestock Department***, your educational plans and career goals, and how you see yourself giving back to the Fair Industry in the future. ***Use of names in the essay is prohibited.*** (25 points)
4. List a minimum of ten (10) hours of community volunteer service. (10 points)
5. Highlight your school, community, and/or church activities and involvement (10 points)
6. Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application. This includes proper grammar, punctuation, and formatting. (10 points)

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I understand it is my responsibility to confirm all required paperwork is received by the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. I hereby affirm that I meet the eligibility requirements for the Scholarship and hereby formally request consideration of my application by the Scholarship Evaluation Committee.

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee of the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. has my permission to review the academic records I have submitted in support of my application for this scholarship.

I understand funds may be expended for class books after all educationally related costs have been paid for each semester. If the scholarship funds are not used for the fall term specified, the circumstances must be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and their decision is final.

Signature of Applicant

Date