

2021 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA & LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Lee County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship is sponsored by the Farm Bureau of Lee County and is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. This scholarship is open to high school seniors who are actively exhibiting in the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair, who are a resident of Lee County, and who aspire to major in an Agricultural related field. The Lee County Farm Bureau's mission is to be a positive voice for agriculture through leadership and education to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and community.

A total of \$1,000.00 for tuition is available to be awarded to two qualifying applicants meeting the criteria.

Annual Award Distribution: Two scholarship awards in the amount of \$500 each are available to be distributed for the Fall term of the year of qualifying. 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 4H/FFA Exhibitor showing in the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, be a resident of Lee County, hold a minimum 3.0 GPA, be a current high school senior - this includes seniors who are concurrently dual enrolled in a college, and who aspire to major in an Agricultural related field.

Application Package: Completed applications must include three letters (3) of recommendation and the students most recent semester-ending report card – report card must show the students GPA. Recommendation letters should be from diverse backgrounds. Example: 4-H/FFA, School, Business, or Community Leader.

Award Criteria: *See Page 2 of application packet for specifics and clarification for each category.*

- 15% - Years, Range of entries, and accomplishments in the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair.
- 10% - High School Extracurricular Activities throughout High School
- 25% - Essay – 300 word minimum
- 10 % - Community Involvement and Volunteer Service Hours – not 4-H/FFA related
- 15 % - Years and Involvement in 4-H / FFA
- 20 % - Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application.

Evaluation: Applications are evaluated by the Scholarship Evaluation Committee based on the criteria provided. The non-weighted GPA will be added to the score to determine final points. All decisions are final.

Due Date: April 6, 2021. Applications received after April 6, 2021 will be penalized two (2) points per day up to two (2) days. Applications received after April 8, 2021 will not be accepted.

Application Packet must be submitted by email to: fcrone@leeciviccenter.com

Please review your application prior to submittal for completeness and accuracy.

This page does not need to be submitted with your Scholarship Application.
This page is for you to keep.

Applicant # _____

Date of Receipt: _____

(Office use only)

**LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET FOR 2021**

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Years of Fair Participation _____

School you currently attend: _____

College / Trade School you anticipate attending: _____

Desired College Major or Trade School Career: _____

Provide your high school grade point average below. A copy of the students most recent semester-ending Report Card must be included with this application. The report card must show the students GPA.

High School - GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

Scholarship Questions/Criteria for the Lee County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship:

Below are the required criteria to be considered for the Lee County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship. In addition to these criteria, the applicant must be a resident of Lee County, and one who aspires to major in an Agriculture related field. Information must be submitted in a typed format of your choice, no smaller than 12-point. The application packet should contain a maximum of (6) single-sided pages – not including the two pages of the application packet. Margins should be a minimum of ¾” on all four edges. Answers to questions, as well as pages should be numbered.

1. Provide information on your number of years, entries, and accomplishments in the **Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair**. (15 points)
2. List and describe extracurricular **High School Activities** - including leadership roles, awards, and honors. Extracurricular Activities would include, but is not limited to high school clubs, high school teams, high school committees, and positions/offices held. (10 points)
3. **Essay** – 300 word minimum - write an essay about yourself, your experiences, and accomplishments, **in the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair**, your educational plans, and career goals in an Agricultural related field. **Essay must be related to the specific Scholarship you are applying for and cannot be copied. (25 points). A maximum of 10 points will be deducted if the essays are 'copied' and not written as outlined in the criteria.**
4. List and describe any **community wide involvement** (civic clubs, church, special events, etc.) and years involved in each – this should include a minimum of ten (10) hours of community volunteer service, **not 4-H or school related**. (10 points)
5. Describe your involvement, specifically, in your **4-H/FFA Club**, include number of years, positions/offices, etc. (15 points)
6. Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application. This includes proper grammar, punctuation, and following directions. (20 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 Lee County Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship and hereby formally request consideration of my application by the Scholarship Review Committee.

The Scholarship Review 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.

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