

**2022 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

The Livestock 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 actively exhibiting in any division of the Livestock Program. 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 \$10,000.00 in scholarships 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 \$2,500.00 is awarded to qualifying applicants, based on evaluation scores. 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 involved in the Livestock Department with the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, hold a 3.0 GPA, and be a current high school senior. This includes seniors who are concurrently dual enrolled in a college.

Application: Complete 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, School, Business or Community Leader. **Must also include a Graduation picture to be used for media purposes.**

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

- 15% - Years, Range of entries, and accomplishments in the Livestock Department of 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 Criteria provided. The non-weighted GPA will be added to the score to determine final points. All decisions are final.

Due Date: **Monday, April 4, 2022.** Applications received after April 4, 2022, will be penalized two (2) points per day up to two (2) days. Applications received after April 6, 2022, will not be accepted.

Email complete application packet to: fcrone@leeciviccenter.com

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

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)

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2022**

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: _____

Anticipated College Major: _____

Provide your high school grade point average. 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. **Must also include a Graduation Picture to use for Media purposes.**

High School - GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

Scholarship/Award Criteria:

Below are the following criteria to be considered for the Livestock Exhibitor Youth Scholarship. Information must be submitted in a typed font of your choice, but no smaller than 12 point. The application packet should contain a maximum of six (6) single sided pages – not including the two pages of the application packet. Margins should be a minimum of ¼” 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 **Livestock Department** of the **Southwest Florida & 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 **Livestock Department** of the **Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair**, your educational plans, and career goals. **Essay must be related to this specific Scholarship (25 points). A maximum of 10 points will be deducted if the essays are ‘copied’ and do NOT meet these 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 held, etc. (15 points)
6. Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application. This includes proper grammar, punctuation, and formatting. (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 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.

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

Signature of Parent

Date