

2021 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 \$10,000 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 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 in the Fair 3 out of the 4 high school years, 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 – the report card must show the students GPA. Letters of recommendation should be from diverse backgrounds. Example: 4-H, School, Business or Community Leader.

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

- 15% - Years, Range of entries, participation, and accomplishments in the open division (ie. Creative Living entries, Talent Show) at the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair.
- 10% - High School Extracurricular Activities throughout High School
- 25% - Essay – 300 word minimum
- 10% - Community Volunteer Service Hours
- 15 % - Years and involvement in any civic clubs, special events, etc.
- 20 % - Thoroughness, completeness, and neatness of application.

Ranking: 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 decision 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 will not be accepted after April 8, 2021.

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)

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
OPEN EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2021**

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 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 / Award Criteria:

Below are the following criteria to be considered for the Open Exhibitor Youth Scholarship. Information must be submitted in a typed font of your choice, but no smaller than 12-point. The application 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ " on all four edges. Answers to questions, as well as pages should be numbered.

1. Provide information on the number of years, the range of your Fair entries and participation in any Open Division (Creative Living, Horticulture, Talent Shows, etc.) at 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 any **Open Division** of the **Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair**, your educational plans, and career goals. **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 a minimum of ten (10) hours of community volunteer service. (10 points)
5. List and describe years and involvement in any civic clubs, special events, (walks, runs, relays, 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.

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