



2023 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA & LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. OPEN EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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.

Award of Scholarship: A minimum of \$500.00 up to a maximum of \$2,500 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. Scholarship Award may be deferred up to 4 (four) years, as long as the recipient is actively enrolled in a qualifying school.

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. **Must include a Graduation picture for Media purposes.**

Award Criteria:

- 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.

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 3, 2023. Applications received after April 3, 2023, will be penalized 1.5 points per day, up to two (2) days. Applications received after April 5, 2023, 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 application - this page is for you to keep.

Applicant # _____
Date of Receipt: _____
(Office use only)

**OPEN EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET FOR 2023**

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 for the Open Exhibitor Youth Scholarship:

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 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. 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 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)

Complete Applications are due Monday, April 3, 2023. Applications received after the April 3, 2023, will be penalized 1.5 points per day up to two (2) days. Applications received after the April 5, 2023, will not be accepted. All applications are due by email to fcrone@leeciviccenter.com

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 Adam Barfield Youth Scholarship and hereby formally request consideration of my application by the Scholarship Review Committee. I understand 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.

I understand Scholarship Awards may be deferred up to 4 (four) years, as long as the recipient is actively enrolled in a qualifying school. If I am to request deferment of funds, I will notify the Fair Manager so appropriate action can be taken. To request deferred scholarship funds, the Scholarship Information Form must be submitted, along with a copy of the recipients' latest transcripts.

Signature of Applicant

Date

