



**THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.  
PRESENTS THE 2024 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Livestock Exhibitor Youth Scholarship is sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc. This scholarship is open to current high school seniors who are actively exhibiting in any division of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Inc's Livestock Department. The Board of Trustees is proud of our area exhibitors and feels strongly about supporting our youth, while creating awareness and promoting agriculture and education in our district.

A total of \$2,500.00 in scholarship funds is available to be awarded and distributed for the Fall term of the year qualifying.

**Award of Scholarship:** 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. Scholarship Award may be deferred up to 4 (four) years, so long as the recipient is actively enrolled in a qualifying school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a ***current high school senior***, have been an active exhibitor involved in the Livestock Department with the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair, through the 2023 year, and hold a 3.0 GPA. This includes seniors who are concurrently dual enrolled in a college.

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

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

- 15% - Years, range of entries, and accomplishments in the *Livestock Department of Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair, through the 2023 Fair Year*, by year.
- 10% - High School extracurricular activities throughout High School, by year.
- 25%- Essay – 300 word minimum – relating to this scholarship.
- 10% - Community Involvement and Volunteer Service Hours – *not 4-H/FFA related*, by year.
- 15% - Number of Years and Involvement in 4-H / FFA, by year.
- 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:** April 1, 2024. Applications received after April 1, 2024, will be penalized 2 points per day, up to two (2) days. Applications received after April 3, 2024, will not be accepted.

**Email complete application packet to:** [franc@swflcfair.com](mailto:franc@swflcfair.com)

Please review your application prior to submittal for thoroughness, completeness, 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)

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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.

High School - GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship/Award Criteria:

Below are the 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 pt. 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 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 **Livestock Department** of the **Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, through the 2023 year.** (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, through the 2023 year.** **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)

**Complete Applications are due Monday, April 1, 2024. Applications received after the April 1, 2024 deadline, will be penalized 2 points per day up to two (2) days. Applications received after the April 3, 2024 deadline, will not be accepted. All applications are due by email to [franc@swflcfair.com](mailto:franc@swflcfair.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 Livestock Exhibitor Youth Scholarship and hereby formally request consideration of my application by the Scholarship Review Committee. I understand 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 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

