

**THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**2026 ADAM BARFIELD MARKET ANIMAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

**INTRODUCTORY PAGE**

The *Adam Barfield Market Animal Youth Scholarship* is sponsored by the Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair Association, Inc., and is open to current high school seniors residing in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Henry, or Lee County, and having participated in 4 years in the Market Animal division of the Fair Industry – in your Local, District, or State Fair. The *Adam Barfield Scholarship* Fund was established in memory and honor of Adam Barfield, who was an Exhibitor in the Market Animal Division of the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair.

**Award of Scholarship:** A total of \$5,000 (2 scholarship awards of \$2,500.00 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. Funds may be applied to a Trade School Program or College Program.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants must be current high school senior residing in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Henry, or Lee County. This includes seniors who are concurrently dual enrolled in a college.
- Must have participated in 4 years in the Market Animal division of the **Fair Industry** – in your Local, District or State **Fair**.
- Must hold a 3.0 GPA.
- Must submit a complete application packet, by email, no later than April 7, 2026. Applications received after April 7, 2026, will not be accepted.

**Complete Application Packet:** Completed applications must include three (3) **formal** letters of recommendation and the student's most recent grade-ending report card – **the report card must show your 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 Market Animal Division of the of your Local, District, or State Fair – by YEAR.
- 10% - High School extracurricular activities throughout High School, by year.
- 25%- Essay – 300 word minimum – relating to this scholarship topic.
- 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, formatting, 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 7, 2026. Applications received after April 7, 2026, will not be accepted.

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

It is imperative that you review your application prior to submittal for thoroughness, completeness, formatting, and neatness. Please have an extra set of eyes look over your packet prior to submitting.

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

Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use Only)

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***C O V E R   P A G E***

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address/ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Fair Participation \_\_\_\_\_

School you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

College or trade school you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College Major or Trade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I have read all information on the introductory page of the application and certify that the information I am submitting is correct and that I have completed the application with the required information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Scholarship/Award Criteria:

Below are the criteria to be considered for the *Adam Barfield Market Animal Youth Scholarship*. Information must be submitted in a **typed font of your choice, but no smaller than 12 pt.** All components of the application must be **submitted as one document**, in the **order of requirements including cover page, recommendation letters, all answers and each page should be numbered.** Margins should be a minimum of ½” on all four edges. You will also need to include a senior picture for promotion of awards if you are awarded scholarship money. Points will be deducted for missing components, formatting, thoroughness, and completeness. Please make sure that you have included all the required information in the format as outlined. \*\*

1. **15%** - Provide information on your number of years, entries, and accomplishments in the Market Animal Division of your Local, District, or State Fair – by YEAR.
2. **10%** - Extracurricular activities throughout High School
3. **25%** - Essay – 300 word minimum – write an essay about how you see yourself using your experiences and accomplishments in the **Market Animal Division**, in your future plans and goals. **Essay must be related to this Scholarship topic. A maximum of 10 points will be deducted if the essays are ‘copied’ and/or do NOT meet these criteria.**
4. **10%** - 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.**
5. **15%** - Describe your involvement, specifically, **in your 4-H or FFA Club**, include number of years, positions/offices held, etc.
6. **20%** - Thoroughness, completeness, formatting, and neatness of application. This includes proper grammar, punctuation, formatting and the complete packet requirements laid out above including your **formal** recommendation letters & report card.

**\*\* Criteria adds to 95% prior to GPA being added.**

**Complete Application Packets are due Monday, April 7, 2026, by email to [franc@swflcfair.com](mailto:franc@swflcfair.com) . Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

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 Evaluation 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.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date