

STATE FAIR 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

(Due in state 4-H office November 1)

The State Fair is pleased to offer educational scholarships for 4-H youths pursuing post-secondary study. Money raised from the commission levied against all livestock sold in the State Fair Sale of Champions and the auction of State Fair belt buckles is used to support the Missouri State Fair Scholarship Fund. The current value of these scholarships is \$500 per person for 4-H and FFA. The amount and the number of scholarships awarded may vary annually. State Fair officials administer the scholarships and the State 4-H office is responsible for the selection of the recipients.

Guidelines

- Individuals must have participated in the Missouri State Fair as an exhibitor.
- Individuals must be enrolled in their senior year of high school and be an active 4-H member at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- 4-H members must plan to enroll in an accredited junior college, trade school, college or university in the state of Missouri and must be planning a major in Agriculture or Agri-business.
- 4-H members must have exhibited leadership in local activities.
- 4-H members who have sold livestock in any past Sale of Champions at the Missouri State Fair are not eligible for this scholarship.
- High school applicants should have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Home-school youth should submit verification of passing the GED and either an ACT or SAT score.
- A Word processor or typewriter should be used to complete the application. Use plain white 8 ½ x 11” paper with 1 ½” margins. For computer generated applications, use a font no smaller than 12 pitch. Single-space within each answer and double-space between questions. It is difficult for the review committee to read your application if the print is too small!

Scholarship Selection Criteria

- The State Fair 4-H Scholarship application form should be completed and must include:
 - Signature of applicant and 4-H staff
 - High school transcript (must include GPA) or copy of GED certificate
 - Financial information page completed by parent/guardian
- A committee determines scholarship selection based on the following score system:
 - 75% 4-H achievement in leadership, citizenship/community service and projects
 - 20% Financial need
 - 5% Work/Career Goals

Financial need scoring is determined as follows:

1 point for each dependent child under the age of 21 in the family

2 points for each family member attending college

Adjusted gross income:

10 points - \$15,000 and under

7 points - \$15,001 to \$20,000

5 points - \$20,001 to \$30,000

2 points - \$30,001 and above

Please mail scholarship applications to:

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Submit the following information (Sections 1 - 8) in a folder or binder.

Section 1: Biographical Data

Form enclosed – please note signatures are required.

(Sections 2 – 6 must be computer or typewrite generated)

Section 2: Leadership (one page maximum)

Write one paragraph on each of the seven Leadership Life Skills (Understanding Self, Communicating, Getting Along with Others, Learning to Learn, Making Decisions, Managing Resources and Working with Groups). Relate these skills to the 4-H leadership roles you have held during the past two years, such as holding an office, serving on a committee, and/or 4-H project work. Incorporate your 4-H leadership experiences with leadership outside the 4-H framework. Discuss what you learned from your leadership experiences.

Section 3: Citizenship and Community Service (one page maximum)

Write a narrative of your community service and citizenship experiences. Identify what you personally contributed to community service and citizenship activities. For example, if your 4-H club picked up trash or visited a nursing home, identify what you personally contributed and what you learned. Discuss how these experiences helped you in school, work and family life.

Section 4: 4-H Story (one page maximum)

Share information about you as a person. Emphasize your personal growth and development. This is your opportunity to share how 4-H has contributed to who you are! You could include your most significant 4-H projects, activities and experiences. If you identify projects and activities, discuss the skills you learned and how these experiences are important to you now and in the future. Lists of accomplishments, activities and projects are nice but the review committee is more interested in what you *learned* from these experiences and how they will assist you in the future.

Section 5: Career Goals (one page maximum)

Discuss the following questions: a) How will your post-secondary education assist you in attaining your career goals? b) What is your major field of study? c) What are your reasons for choosing this course of study?

Section 6: Additional Information

- a. How many years have you been in 4-H?
- b. What is the name of your hometown newspaper?
- c. Please provide the following information: (4-H members who have sold livestock in any Sale of Champions are ineligible for this scholarship)
 - i. _____
Number of years you have been an exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair?
 - ii. _____
Indicate what kind of 4-H exhibit(s) and/or demonstrations you participated in last year at the State Fair (i.e., 4-H Building, Beef, Swine, Goat, Dog, Horse, Sheep, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbits, etc.) _____

Section 7: Academic Record (one page maximum)

Submit a copy of your high school or college transcript. **GPA must be identified on the transcript.** Home school youth should submit verification of passing the GED and either an ACT or SAT score.

Section 8: Financial Need Information

You and your parent(s)/guardian must complete this form (enclosed). Please note signatures are required.

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Section 8: Financial Need

The following information will be used solely for the purpose of determining need for financial assistance for State Fair 4-H Scholarship applicants. The information will be kept for one year following application and then destroyed.

Name of applicant _____

Parent/Guardian/Family Information

- a. Number of family members? _____
Include parents' other children or family members for whom they provide more than half of their support.
- b. Ages of all children in the family who were claimed as dependents in the year immediately past: _____
- c. Number of family members in college at least half-time during the next calendar year (include the applicant): _____
- d. For the year immediately past, what was the family's Adjusted Gross Income?
\$ _____. (Use Adjusted Gross Income line from federal IRS forms.
If information for the year immediately past is not available, give the prior year).

Are there any special circumstances that have influenced your need for financial assistance?

I verify that this information is true and accurate. I understand that failure to provide true and accurate information may result in forfeiture of any scholarship award.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date