



2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NEW! DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2009
All applications must be postmarked by MARCH 13, 2009

MISSION: State Fair scholarship program recognizes youth who have participated in the State Fair, excel scholastically and have a proven financial need.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicants must be a resident of the State of West Virginia and must be pursuing a vocational trade, associate or bachelors degree. Applicant must have participated in the junior livestock show, equine show or 4-H and FFA Youth exhibit program at the State Fair within the previous five (5) years.
2. Scholarships will be renewable up to four years, depending on the current status of the applicant. If you are a rising freshman, you will receive the scholarship for four (4) years. If you are a rising sophomore, you will receive the scholarship for three (3) years. If you are a rising junior, you will receive the scholarship for two (2) years. If you are a rising senior, you will receive the scholarship for one (1) year. Students must maintain full-time status and passing grades for the life of the scholarship.
3. Applicant must be eligible for college admission in the same year in which he/she applies for the scholarship, or he/she must be currently enrolled in post-secondary education.
4. Applicant must obtain one recommendation from the following list: his/her high school principal, his/her guidance counselor, or his/her college advisor.
5. Applicant must obtain one character reference from within his/her community (i.e. 4-H leader, teacher, etc.).
6. An official transcript of the applicant's high school grades must accompany the application, including A.C.T. and/or S.A.T. test scores. If already enrolled in college, an official transcript of his/her college grades must be furnished along with high school grades and test scores. **Unofficial transcripts will not qualify.**
7. All forms, recommendations, transcripts, financial forms, etc. must be postmarked by **March 13, 2009**.
8. The selection of the scholarship recipient(s) will be made by a scholarship committee designated by the Board of Directors of the State Fair of West Virginia.
9. The recipient(s) of the scholarship will be made known at a designated time during the annual State Fair and the award will be paid to the post-secondary educational institution the student is planning to attend.
10. **Application must be typewritten or completed in legible printed handwriting.**
11. **Please complete each section of the State Fair participation portion, if applicable.**

Please return by March 13, 2008 to: SCHOLARSHIP, State Fair of West Virginia, PO Box 986, Lewisburg, WV 24901

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street/Box City Zip

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PARENTS: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL: _____ NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A.: _____ GRADUATION RANK: _____ CLASS SIZE: _____

A.C.T. SCORE (provide date of test) _____ S.A.T. SCORE (provide date of test) _____

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

NAME OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR WHERE YOU ARE PRESENTLY ENROLLED:
Name of School _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Advisor: _____

Year of Applicant (Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman): _____

PLEASE NOTE: If awarded a scholarship, the financial award will be mailed to the above address. Please ensure its accuracy.

STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION (40 POINTS), PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THAT APPLY!

A. Please complete if you showed in any junior livestock shows, i.e. market animals or junior purebred animals.

PLEASE LIST THE BREED(S) OF ANIMAL(S) SHOWN IN THE JUNIOR SHOW :

2008	
2007	
2006	
2005	
2004	
2003	

Additional years and types of animals shown _____

LIST THE BREED(S) OF ANIMAL(S) SHOWN IN THE OPEN SHOW:

2008	
2007	
2006	
2005	
2004	
2003	

Additional years and types of animals shown _____

B. Please complete if you participated in any equine events.

LIST THE BREED(S) OF ANIMAL(S) SHOWN IN THE OPEN HORSE SHOW OR THE JUNIOR HORSE & PONY SHOW:

	Open Horse Show	Junior Horse & Pony	Both
2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional years and types of animals shown _____

C. Please complete if you exhibited in the Cecil Underwood Youth Building.

LIST THE TYPES OF EXHIBITS SHOWN IN THE FAIR'S 4-H/FFA YOUTH PROGRAM:

2008	
2007	
2006	
2005	
2004	
2003	

LIST THE YEARS AND DESCRIBE YOUR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN THE YOUTH CENTER AT THE STATE FAIR:

NUMBER OF YEARS ENROLLED IN 4-H: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS ENROLLED IN FFA: _____

SCHOLASTIC (20 POINTS)

Scholastic achievement will be evaluated based on A.C.T. and S.A.T. scores, plus, high school and college transcripts.
(If transcripts are mailed separately, they must be postmarked by the March 13, 2009 deadline.)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, REFERENCES AND STORY (10 POINTS)

Honors and Awards (state nature of honor or award):

A. _____ C. _____
B. _____ D. _____
E. _____ F. _____

Offices and positions of leadership (state name of organization, position, and year):

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Member of organization where no office was held (state name or organization, year, and only major activities):

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

FINANCIAL NEED (30 POINTS)

This information will remain confidential, and will only be reviewed by the independent accountant selected to evaluate this portion of the application. This form must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2009.

You are a dependent student if you are under 24 years of age and do not meet any of the following criteria: (1) a ward of the court (2) married and living away from your parents; (3) have not been claimed by your parents for tax purposes for two consecutive years and have earned at least \$4000 in each of those two years; or (4) served in the military.

If you are a dependent student, please have your parents complete this form using information from this year's Income Tax Return. If you are independent, information about you and your spouse (if applicable) must be included. You do not need to supply information from your parents.

- I am dependent. (Complete both columns, A and B)
- I am independent. (Complete student column only, B)

	A	B
1. Annual adjusted gross income	\$ _____	
2. Annual income earned from work by	Father \$ _____	Student \$ _____
	Mother \$ _____	Students \$ _____
3. Untaxed income/benefits (AFDC, ADC, SSI, etc.)	<u>Parent(s)</u>	<u>Student</u>
	List source of benefit _____ \$ _____	\$ _____
4. Cash, savings, stocks, bond, CD's etc. (exclude retirement fund, i.e. IRA)	\$ _____	\$ _____

5. List other sources of financial aid and amounts (including scholarships, loans, etc.) which you have been awarded:

6. Total number in household: _____ Total number of children attending college this fall: _____

7. On a separate sheet, please elaborate on any extenuating circumstances resulting in a significant change in income since your last return. Examples: parents retired this year, parents lost job, other siblings in school, terminal illness, accident, death of family member, financial loss, family care responsibility (such as for grandparent or disabled relative) etc.

Father's Occupation _____ Applicant's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

Parent's current marital status: ___single ___married ___separated ___divorced ___widowed

Applicant's current marital status: ___single ___married ___separated ___divorced ___widowed

Certification: I (we) certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of the State Fair of West Virginia Scholarship Program, I (we) agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____