VOLUSIA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

DUE DATE: October 2, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Volusia County Fair Association will award up to $12,000 in college scholarships to qualifying graduating high school seniors who best exemplify their support of the Volusia County Fair and Youth Show. Up to six (6) $2,000.00 scholarships may be awarded to students who meet exceptional qualifications. These six (6) $2,000.00 scholarships are inclusive to graduating high seniors from an accredited high school. All applicants must attend school in Volusia County and must be a resident of Volusia County as well. The applicant's personal initiative in extra-curricular activities and their own personal attributes that will ensure their success in the pursuit of higher education will be taken into consideration. A scholarship is to encourage young people to pursue a college education or an educational experience following high school graduation. Enrollment in a technical college or program of study may also applicable. Scholarship applicants must be or have been participants in the Volusia County Fair and Youth Show to qualify. Scholarship applications must be mailed or delivered to the Fair office on or before the due date. **An incomplete application will not be considered to receive scholarship funds.**

1. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school (home school graduates from an accredited high school program are also eligible) in Volusia County and be a resident of Volusia County.

2. Each applicant must submit documentation for PSAT, SAT, or ACT test requirements for high school graduation and include an official SAT and ACT test score report. In lieu of passing the aforesaid exams, an applicant may be conditionally approved upon acceptance and enrollment to a trade, vocational and technical "hands on" program at an accredited school, college or university.

3. Each applicants must hold a 3.0 high school grade point average (based on a 4.0 system).

4. The applicant must be a member of FFA, 4H or may be an independent exhibitor at the Volusia County Fair and Youth Show. Please specify which organization you belong to or if you are an independent. _____

5. The applicant must have participated as an exhibitor at the Volusia County Fair and Youth Show at least two (2) of the past four (4) years. List which departments you have participated in for at least two (2) years. _____

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6. The applicant must apply the scholarship funds for tuition or fees at a two or four year college and carry at least 12 credit hours. If the funds are applied to a trade, vocational or technical "hands on" program as described above, the program of study will be followed as such. The funds will be assigned and administered by the applicant's college or university. Upon receipt of enrollment on school letter head, by the Fair office, from the college or university, the funds will be mailed to the respective school. Should the chosen applicant drop out of the school for any reason or not carry 12 credits hours, any unused portion of the scholarship funds will be returned to the Volusia County Fair Association.

7. The scholarship deadline for the use of the funds will be twelve (12) months from high school graduation date; an exception will be made if the applicant will be serving as an FFA State Officer. Upon proof of the applicant's appointment as an FFA State Officer, the applicant will have twenty-four (24) months from high school graduation date to apply for the scholarship funds.

8. Upon receipt of confirmation of acceptance to your college or university, the funds will be sent by the Fair office to your school account.

9. Award recognition will take place at the opening ceremonies on Thursday, November 7, 2024 (opening night).

10. Each applicant will submit an essay utilizing the MLA Format (see example provided in the Academic Paper Format) under the scholarship information link on the website. Essay: "How has participating in the Volusia County Fair helped shape your character and your views on life? Essay should be approximately 300 words.

For more information, contact: Dr. Sharon Tighe, Director, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Volusia County Fair Association, Inc., 3150 E. New York Ave., DeLand, FL 32724 (386) 295-1641. E-Mail: st5537@aol.com

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Submit only one (1) application to be considered a scholarship.

If you would like help with your scholarship application, you can contact Dr. Sharon Tighe at st5537@aol.com

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Are your parents members of the Volusia County Fair Association?: _____

High School you attend/attended _____ Graduation Date: _____

Address of School: _____

College Choice: _____

Address: City, State and Zip: _____

Have you applied for admission?: _____ If not, when?: _____

Have you heard from the college?: _____ If so, are you accepted?: _____

Major Career Objective: _____

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What are your plans after graduation from college?: _____

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Other schools you have attended: _____

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High School Activities and any Honors or Awards received: _____

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Community Activities: _____

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What projects or activities have benefited you the most?: _____

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Work experience: _____

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IMPORTANT:

1. Attach the required essay (typewritten in academic essay format). See attached example
2. Provide official documentation of the following:

   a. PSAT, SAT or ACT test requirements for high school graduation.

   b. Official PSAT, SAT and ACT test score report if available.

   *In lieu of passing the aforesaid exams, an applicant may be conditionally approved upon acceptance and enrollment to a trade, vocational, technical "hands on" program at an accredited school, college or university.

3. Submit **one (1) official, sealed transcript**. Please note that this may take your school several weeks to complete so plan ahead.

4. **One (1) current letter of recommendation** must accompany your application.

5. All documents must accompany the official application and be received by deadline.

6. **Submit six (6) complete copies of your application and above listed paperwork in an envelope with your name on the outside.**

I hereby certify that all statements I have made are correct.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application, documentation and recommendation letter and 6 complete copies are to be received by the Fair office on or before the due date. An incomplete application will not be considered to receive scholarship funds.

Official Use Only:

General Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Awarded: _____ Date: _____