

Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship

Available for 4-H and FFA members

Missouri State Fair officials administer the scholarships financially and an appointed committee is responsible for the selection of the winners.

1. Monies raised from the commission levied against all livestock sold in the Sale of Champions and the auction of a commemorative belt buckle will be used for Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarships. This year twenty-four \$1,000 and one Supreme \$2,500 scholarships will be granted, but the amount and number may vary annually.

Applications are due February 1, 2012.

2. Individuals must have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a youth exhibitor in the FFA or 4-H divisions.

3. Individuals must be high school seniors at time of application and be an active 4-H or FFA member at the time that the scholarship is awarded. Active membership is based on the national constitution guidelines for FFA and state guidelines for 4-H.

4. Students must enroll in an accredited community college, college or university in the state of Missouri and must major in Agriculture.

5. Youth members who have sold livestock in any past Sale of Champions at the Missouri State Fair are not eligible for this scholarship.

6. Applicants must submit their ACT/SAT score.

7. The scholarship must be used within 9 months after awarded.

8. Applications are submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be **postmarked by February 1, 2012.** The original application form and five (5) copies must be submitted.

The above guidelines may be modified annually.

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Application Form

All applications must be **postmarked by February 1, 2012** to:

Missouri State Fair
2503 West 16th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301

1-800-422-FAIR (3247) Email: mostatefair@mda.mo.gov

Applications postmarked after February 1, 2012, will not be considered. Applications will be accepted either typed or written by hand. It should be noted that most past winning applications were typed. Typed applications should use a 12 pt. font. **The original application form and five (5) copies must be submitted.**

Eligibility: To be eligible for this scholarship an applicant must:

1. Be a high school senior.
2. Be an active 4-H or FFA member.
3. Have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a youth exhibitor of 4-H or FFA.
4. Enroll in an accredited Missouri College or University with a major in agriculture.
5. Have not sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions.

Applicant's Name: _____ Year: 2011

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Birth Date: _____ Home Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Complete information below for FFA or 4-H. Complete both if they apply to you.

FFA Chapter Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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FFA Advisor Signature

4-H Youth Specialist or YEA Signature

To be completed by High School Counselor:

ACT/SAT score: _____ (10 pts)

Required for FFA and 4-Hers except those 4-Hers being home schooled).

Signed: _____ Title: _____

School name and address: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PLANS (5 pts)

Use only space provided.

Missouri college you plan to attend (must grant agricultural degree):

Agriculture field in which you plan to major:

Describe why you are interested in pursuing post-secondary education and list your reasons for choosing the agriculture field in which you plan to major.

CANDIDATE'S GOAL STATEMENT (20 pts)

Use only space provided.

Describe your personal, educational and career goals you would like to achieve in the next ten years. Be sure to include how FFA/4-H, exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair and any other relevant experiences may have better prepared you to successfully reach your goals.

APPLYING LEADERSHIP SKILLS (10 pts)

Use only space provided.

Tell what you have learned about leadership and personal responsibility using examples from leadership roles you have held during the past year, such as holding an office, on a committee or participation in a leadership project. Explain how you apply leadership skills in your life. You may include school, church, and/or other club experiences to enrich your response.