New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs
and
New York State Showpeople’s Association

2019 Scholarship Application

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. The fair where you have been active or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. Our website www.nyfairs.org offers a complete list of our member fairs.

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs Applicants: Applications submitted through the NYSAAF should be submitted to your local fair. Applicants may submit only one application.

New York State Showpeople’s Association Applicants: Applications submitted through the NYSSA should be submitted to: Sarah McAndrew, Secretary NYSSA, 7194 Rosewood Circle, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Applicants may submit only one application.

Purpose
To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree. Application is open to all applicants regardless of your field of study. However, additional consideration may be given to those applicants pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management or the outdoor amusement business. All are encouraged to apply.

Awards
Up to ten $1,000 scholarships will be awarded for 2019.

Eligibility
Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school in New York State or be a New York State resident already attending college and planning to pursue or already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Deadline
Student must submit his/her complete application to the member fair or the NYSSA by the second Friday in April.

Scoring
Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

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Instructions
Make sure that you complete the entire application according to directions. Return the completed application to your local fair or the NYSSA by the date indicated. The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decisions on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application. The application has been formatted so that it must be completed online. All applications must be on this form. However, do not email it to us. You must submit a hard copy of your application to an official of your sponsoring fair or to the NYSSA for endorsement. You may add additional pages as necessary. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be printed on plain stock white paper (such as 20 lb. paper).

Checklist
— Scholarship application
   a. Completed online and then printed
   b. Fair/NYSSA endorsement on the application
— Two letters of recommendation (will not be accepted without a date and a signature)
— Transcript
   For high school seniors: from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12
   For college students: from Grade 9 through Grade 12 AND college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year

Indicate which scholarship you are applying for by double-clicking on the appropriate box:

COLLEGE ENTRANT □  CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT □

NAME OF APPLICANT

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET

CITY _______ STATE _______ ZIP CODE _______

PHONE NUMBER _______ AGE _____ SEX: M □  F □

CELL PHONE NUMBER _______

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _______ RANK IN CLASS _______

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES(S)  OCCUPATION  EMPLOYER

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NAMES OF BROTHERS/ LIVING SISTERS

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NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE ALREADY ATTENDING

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IF ATTENDING COLLEGE, YEAR YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE

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IF NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE, HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?

Y  N     IF YES, WHERE?

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MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST

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EXPLAIN YOUR CAREER GOALS. IF YOUR GOALS RELATES TO AGRICULTURE, FAIR MANAGEMENT OR THE OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT BUSINESS PLEASE EXPLAIN.

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(For the following, please attach additional sheets, properly labeled, if necessary)

A. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List offices held, if any)

B. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Church, clubs, organizations, etc.)

C. AWARDS RECEIVED (School, community, clubs, organizations, etc.)
D. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL FAIR(S) OR OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT BUSINESS (Type of involvement, awards, years, etc.)

E. WORK EXPERIENCE (List dates, employer, duties)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION
REFERENCES Please attach two (2) recent letters of reference pertaining specifically to this application. These letters must be dated and signed; they will not be accepted without a date and a signature.

For the following, please attach a separate sheet and explain in as much detail as possible.

ESSAY (Tell us in 500 words or less: “What experiences have you had exhibiting at or working at a fair or outdoor amusement venue that you feel will help you with your future goals?”

TRANSCRIPT
High school seniors: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12.

College students: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through Grade 12 AND a college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year.

FILING DEADLINE Your application must be received by the sponsoring member fair or the NYSSA no later than the second Friday in April!

Signature of Applicant ___________________________  Signature of Parent or Guardian ___________________________

Date signed ___________________________ Date signed ___________________________

Submit your completed application to your sponsoring fair or to the NYSSA before the filing deadline. A fair or NYSSA member will complete the application endorsement section on the following page and forward the application to the appropriate NYSAAF personnel for consideration.
Scholarship Application Endorsement by Member Fair/NYSSA

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Instructions to Fairs and NYSSA

You are encouraged to provide as much information as possible. Use additional sheets, if necessary.
Please tell us:
• if the applicant is or has been an active participant in your fair or outdoor amusement business
• the dates (approximate) of his or her involvement
• the area (department(s)) of the fair or amusement business where the applicant participated
• his or her responsibilities during that period
• any special qualities you believe the applicant has
• why your fair or amusement business thinks that we should award one of the scholarships to this applicant

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Signature of member Fair/NYSSA Officer

Name of member Fair

Print your name and Fair/NYSSA title

Street address of Fair/ NYSSA

Your phone number

City   State   Zip

District No. ____________