

**2017 HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MCFLA FAIR OFFICE BY NOON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017-There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS:

- Please do not **bind or staple** your original application or copies, **paper clipped only**.
- Please make **5 copies** of your completed application, excluding the picture.
- Place the original and the 5 copies (**6 total**) plus your picture in a sealed envelope and submit it to the MCFLA Fair office by **Noon, Friday, January 13, 2017. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.**

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. The applicant survey (form included below)
2. A completed Fair Event Participation Record (included below)
3. An autobiography (preferably typed) not to exceed two pages
4. Three letters of recommendation (two from outside the school system)
5. An official copy of recent high school transcript
6. A 5" x 7" picture with your name and address on back

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
APPLICANT SURVEY

1. Name of applicant: _____
(Last, First, Middle)
2. Mailing address: _____ Phone #: _____
(Street or Box, City, Zip)
3. Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
4. Name & address of father: _____
Father's occupation & employer: _____
5. Name & address of mother: _____
Mother's occupation & employer: _____
6. Numerical Grade Avg.: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ Class Rank: _____
7. Were you involved with the Matagorda County Fair Assn. during your high school career? Please circle: YES or NO
How Many Years? Please circle: 1 2 3 4 Please describe involvement: _____

What is your current project? _____
8. Extra-curricular activities you are involved in (include volunteer, church, FFA, FHA, 4-H & school) _____

9. College or Trade/Tech School you plan to attend: _____ Have you been accepted? _____
10. Course of study you plan to pursue: _____
11. Career plans: _____
12. Have you received any scholarships? _____
13. Parent's names as you would like listed in programs and papers: _____
14. Date of application: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____
- Validation of scores and grades: _____
(Signature of school counselor)
- Validation of agricultural experiences: _____
(Signature of 4-H, FFA, or FHA leader)
15. Awards and recognition you have received (use separate sheet of paper as needed).

16. Please describe your financial needs. (Please use separate sheet of paper if needed.)

Fair Event Participation and Volunteerism Record – 2017 Scholarship Applicants

Please indicate which fair activities, listed below, you have participated in, and what years you participated.

EVENT NAME	Freshman Year 13-14	Sophomore Year 14-15	Junior Year 15-16	Senior Year 16-17
Contest and Show Participation				
Home Economics Food Show Participant				
Home Economics Craft Show Participant				
Academic Rodeo Team Member				
Public Speaking Contestant				
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Swine Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Goat Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Steer Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers Exhibitor				
Agricultural Mechanics Show Team Member				
Talent Show Participant				
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant for the Fair and Rodeo				
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant for the Bull Blast				
Participated in the local Team Roping Event				
Junior Fair Board Member				
Team Penning Participant				
Horse Judging Team Member / Participant				
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant				
Bull Blast Participation and Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP Dinner at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP Section during the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA in the Fair Office at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with Clean-up after Bull Blast on Sunday				
Help MCFLA hand out programs at the Bull Blast				
Fair Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Auction				
Help MCFLA with the Livestock Auction				
Help MCFLA in the Office				
Help MCFLA with Steer Validation (September)				
Help MCFLA with Lamb and Goat Validation (November)				
Help MCFLA with Swine Validation (December)				
Help MCFLA with Rabbit Validation (January)				
Help MCFLA with Poultry Pick-up (January)				
Help MCFLA with the Team Roping Event				
Help MCFLA with the Fair Float				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Craft Show				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Food Show				
Help MCFLA with the Gala & Appreciation Dinner				
Help MCFLA with the Talent Show or Public Speaking Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Royalty Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the MCFLA				
Help MCFLA with Horse and/or Livestock Judging				
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show				
Help MCFLA set up the livestock pens				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production Programs/Day Sheets				
Help with the Rodeo Production Untying Calves or Back Help				
Help MCFLA with the Senior Citizens Day				
Help MCFLA with Exceptional Day				
Help MCFLA with Photographer				

** Please list additional MCFLA Volunteerism on separate paper.

*Working with the concession stand is not a MCFLA sponsored event. The concessions stands are run by 4H & FFA clubs.

**THE CRITERIA AND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
(GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS)**

1. Level of involvement in agricultural activities including 4-H, FFA, FHA, and the MCFLA for the past four years. (Involvement includes projects, livestock projects, home economics projects, etc.)
2. Scholarship and goal orientation.
3. Completion of application. Each application must include a 5”x 7” picture. In addition to the completed application, the following documents must be included:
 - The applicant survey (included in the scholarship entry form)
 - A completed Fair Event Participation Record (included in the scholarship entry form)
 - An autobiography (preferably typed) not to exceed two pages
 - Three letters of recommendation (two from outside the school system)
 - An official copy of recent high school transcript

Please submit the original application with one 5”x 7” picture along with 5 additional copies, each separated with paper clips.

Each application must be submitted in a sealed envelope with applicant’s name written on the front to the MCFLA Fair office by ***NOON, Friday, January 13, 2017. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.***

4. Academic ability (grades, including most recent transcript, class rank, ACT, and/or SAT scores).
5. Communication skills (written and oral).
6. How well applicants represent themselves in the autobiography.
7. Interview of finalist is determined by the scholarship committee. An interview will be conducted by a panel of three to five judges. These judges with various career backgrounds in agriculture, business, education, etc., do not reside in Matagorda County.
8. All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Scholarship Applicants must be submitted prior to interviewing and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned **ONLY** if the protest is upheld. After Scholarship Interviews, the committee decision is final and not subject for protest. Selection procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every scholarship applicant agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any graduating high school senior in Matagorda County who is a U.S. Citizen, and desires to further his or her education through an institution of higher learning is eligible to apply.
2. Any student who has been involved in the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association and who has been involved in a 4-H Club, High School FFA Chapter, or FHA, is eligible to apply.

***ANY STUDENT WHO FAILS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS
WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY!***

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

1. Scholarship recipients may collect one scholarship payment per each Spring, Summer & Fall semester(s). For the first payment, recipients must provide a statement of tuition & fees or proof of enrollment for the college they are attending to the Fair Office before payment is received. For all payments thereafter, recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA and provide the Fair Office with a copy of their transcript before payment is received.
2. Scholarships will be paid out over a four year period.
3. Scholarship payout will be determined by the amount of scholarship awarded divided by eight payments over a four year term. Example: $\$2,000.00 \div 8 \div 4 = \250.00 per semester.
4. If the recipient produces an associate's degree after two years of college they are still eligible to receive the remainder of their scholarship award.
5. If the recipient produces a bachelor's degree prior to the four year period they are still eligible to receive the remainder of their scholarship award.
6. Tuition statements will remain in the fair office for each recipient until all scholarship funds are exhausted or the four year limitation has passed.
7. Scholarship money can be used to pay for books, tuition, and fees (including university approved housing). A maximum of \$875 will be issued each semester for each recipient.
8. All unused funds will revert back to the scholarship fund if not used within the four year period following the scholarship award unless other arrangements have been approved by the board prior to the four year limitation.