

**2021 HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MCFLA FAIR OFFICE BY NOON, MONDAY MARCH 22, 2021-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**.
- Make **5 copies** of your completed application, excluding 5” x 7” the picture.
- Place the original application and the 5 application copies (**6 total**) plus the 5” x 7” picture (only 1 picture is needed) in a single, sealed envelope and submit it to the MCFLA Fair office by **Noon, Monday, March 22, 2021. ***There will be no exceptions to this deadline*****
- If any required items are missing, your application will not be considered for a scholarship.
- Read application carefully and follow instructions as requested. Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. The applicant surveys
2. A completed Fair Event Participation Record (included below)
3. An autobiography (must be typed) not to exceed one page
4. Three letters of recommendation (two must be from outside the school system)
5. An official copy of recent high school transcript (the copies you make must be front and back) TIP: transcript orders sometimes take time to process, pre-planning must be utilized, and school holidays must be considered
6. Record of official SAT/ACT score (Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, SAT/ACT test scores are NOT a requirement for 2021 Scholarship)
7. Resume that includes: 1. education 2. school organizations 3. community involvement 4. work experience 5. career applicant is seeking and why
8. **Only one** 5” x 7” picture with your name and address on the back

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

1. Name of applicant: _____
(Last, First, Middle)

2. Mailing address: _____ Cell 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. List names and ages of all siblings currently enrolled in College: (please attach additional pages if necessary).

Name: _____ Age: ____ College: _____

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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 in detail: (please attach additional pages if necessary)

What is your current project? _____

8. Validation of agricultural experiences: _____
(Signature of 4-H, FFA, or FHA leader)

9. Extra-curricular activities you are involved in include volunteer, church, FFA, FHA, 4-H & school. (please attach additional pages if necessary)

10. College or Trade/Tech School you plan to attend: _____ Have you been accepted? _____

11. Course of study you plan to pursue: _____

12. Career plans: _____

13. Have you applied for any other scholarships? Circle YES or NO.

If Yes – List them and the amount awarded:

If Yes - then how much awarded _____

14. Parent’s names as you would like listed in programs and papers: _____

15. List all awards and recognition you have received (please attach additional pages if necessary).

16. Please describe your financial need. Tell us why you need this scholarship – be detailed (please attach additional pages if necessary)

Date of application: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Parental Authorization/ Consent: I, _____, authorize the applicant of this scholarship to participate in all phases of the scholarship program to include disclosure of applicant’s name, photograph, and award details to local news media including social media.

Parents Signature

Date

Fair Event Participation and Volunteerism Record – 2021 Scholarship Applicants

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

EVENT NAME	8 th Grade Year 16-17	Freshman Year 17-18	Sophomore Year 18-19	Junior Year 19-20	Senior Year 20-21
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					
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant					
Bull Blast/Stampede 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 Home Economics Craft Show					
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Food Show					
Help MCFLA with the Buyer 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.

**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 to demonstrate or describe need.
3. Proper completion of application.
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, resume, and interview.
7. Interview of finalist is determined by the scholarship committee. An interview will be conducted by a panel of three to five judges. Interviews will begin at 1:00PM on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Finalist will receive a letter with their interview time. 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 any of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Shows or Contests or 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, along with statement of tuition & fees or proof of enrollment before payment is received.
2. Scholarships will be paid out over a four-year period. A minimum of \$500.00 or a maximum of \$875.00 will be issued per semester.
3. Scholarship payout will be determined by the amount of scholarship awarded. Recipients will receive a letter with detailed information on their payout amounts.
4. If the recipient produces an associate 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).
8. All unused funds will revert 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.

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