



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship program was founded in 2012 and is intended to support the network of fairs and their families by offering scholarships to motivate high-achievers in pursuit of their careers and life goals. A total of two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded; one to a current member, child or grandchild from the Service/Associate Membership and one to a current member, child or grandchild of permanent or full-time staff from the Fair Membership. Scholarship applications are available online at www.westernfairs.org, or by contacting the WFA office at (916) 927-3100.

Who is eligible?

- Current WFA Members, children of current WFA Members and grandchildren of current WFA Members.
- One scholarship recipient will be selected from each of the following categories:
 - WFA Service/Affiliate Member
 - WFA Fair Member

Please note that you may only apply for one category. Previous Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply but previous applicants may reapply.

Additional criteria:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, technical school or community college.
- Open to students of any age.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher.
- Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation, a personal statement, transcripts and a photo.

How do I apply?

- Complete the Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship application.
- Applications must be typed, printed, signed, and submitted via postal mail or hand-delivered.
- Application must include the checklist and membership attestation.
- Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered by the deadline of 5:00 PM on November 1.
- Mail or deliver completed application and required documents to:
Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship c/o Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815

Process:

- Applications will be reviewed for requirement compliance by the Scholarship Committee. *Only complete packets with all documents (see scholarship check-off) will be considered and judged.*
- Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their personal commitment and goals established for their chosen field, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, qualifications for category entered and the completeness of the application packet.

If Selected:

- Scholarship Recipients will be selected and notified prior to December 1.
- Recipients will be announced at the Western Fairs Association Convention.
- Recipients will be featured in the Western Fairs Association Fair Dealer Magazine.
- Recipients are invited to participate as a Blue Ribbon Foundation Convention Intern at the Western Fairs Association Convention and Trade Show in Reno, Nevada, January 19 -22, 2025.



SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

To ensure that all the materials needed for a complete application are included, please check off this form and include it with your application. **Applicants are eligible for only one category in the Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship. *Only complete packets with all documents will be considered and judged.***

Complete application packets must be **postmarked or delivered** to Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship c/o Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815, **NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM on November 1.**

Two (2) complete sets of the following Required Documents (Due by 5:00 PM on November 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship Application Please type all the fields and sign the last page to complete the application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Letters of Recommendation Both letters must have been written within the past year, including the applicant's name and may not be written by a parent or close relative. One must be from a professional educator, teacher, professor, advisor, principal, or dean.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Statement Indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals, and detailing your involvement in school activities, and in community and volunteer service. Statement must be two pages double-spaced and not more than three typed pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Most recent official transcript required – High School or College whichever is applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo of Applicant Email digital high-resolution jpeg file to wfa@fairsnet.org
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification and Authorization Signed certification page

MEMBERSHIP ATTESTATION

Please select which Blue Ribbon Scholarship you are applying for:

Scholarship Committee will verify Western Fairs Association membership.

WFA Service Member: current member or a Child or grandchild of a current member whose business has/had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Business Name: _____

Business Owner or Staff Name: _____

WFA Fair Member: current member or the child or grandchild of permanent staff or current full-time employee of a Fair that has/had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Fair Name: _____

Fair Staff Name: _____

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Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ Cumulative College GPA: _____

Do you have any other family that are members of WFA? _____

If so please list:

Name: _____ Business/Fair: _____

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What WFA/Fair activities have you volunteered/participated in: *(Event, Job, Hours Worked)*

List high school, junior college and college(s) attended (including present school)

Do not include single courses or night school, these can be included in your personal statement

High School: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Junior College: _____ City: _____

College: _____ City: _____

List name of college, university, junior college or technical school you plan to attend:

_____ Year Plan to Attend: _____

Intended field of study: _____

For what career are you preparing for: _____

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Please describe any job(s) you have held or work you have performed during the past three years, either for your family, in part-time jobs, or for outside employers (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Employer	Position Held	Hours Per Week	Start and End Date

Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities in high school and college (if applicable)
 (FFA, 4-H, class or school offices, band/orchestra, athletics, dramatics, debate, oratory, school publications, pep club, etc.)
 (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Activity	Position Held	Hours Per Week	Start and End Date

Describe your involvement in organized community activities
 (4-H, FFA, volunteer efforts, church groups, other youth organizations, etc.) (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Activity	Position Held	Hours Per Week	Start and End Date

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Please list academic honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Please list extracurricular honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am/will be attending full-time a four-year college or university or a two-year community college or a vocational trade school. I have read and understand the eligibility and application requirements of this scholarship program. I understand that if chosen, proof of my enrollment must be provided to the scholarship committee prior to the award being given.

I have included two separate, complete sets of the application and all of the following required documents: Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship application; two current letters of recommendation (one must be from a professional educator and only two recommendations will be considered); personal statement; official transcript from school (accumulative and current) and photo of applicant.

If a returning applicant, you must submit the completed scholarship packet each time you apply, previously submitted application packets will not be considered.

Disclaimer: The Blue Ribbon Foundation reserves the right to change or update the content of all categories. Applicants will be notified of any changes and will have ample time to change his/her category if applicable. Foundation also reserves the right to use applicants' photos in media opportunities.

WFA Member Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)