

The 2024 WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

Please keep the first two pages of this package for reference. The remainder of the pages must be returned along with other information required by the deadline stated.

The Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship Program will award scholarships in **2024** to outstanding high school students. To be eligible to apply for one of these scholarship awards, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. **RESIDENCY:** The candidate must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school and must either reside in and/or be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school in Williamson County. In determining eligibility by school enrollment, a private or charter school must be physically located in Williamson County and a public-school district must have its district office located in Williamson County.
2. **ACADEMIC STANDING:** The candidate must be a high school student who has achieved a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or an 80 grade point average on a 100 point scale as of current semester.
3. **First Time College Student:** The applicant must be the first person in their immediate family to attend college. Meaning, their mother nor father attended a two year or four year university/college.
4. **INTERPRETATION:** The Williamson County Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to interpret the eligibility rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters in regard to the scholarship program. They shall also have the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
5. **APPLICATION:** The candidate must submit a properly completed official Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship Application with a head and shoulder **photo attached** (no selfies or no electronic photos) an official high school transcript, a certified statement of the candidate's GPA is at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as of current semester, and a copy of any college entrance examination scores to the Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship Program Chairperson. The official high school transcript **does not** have to accompany the application. Instead, each candidate may have his/her official high school transcript mailed directly by his/her school's principal, registrar or guidance counselor to Williamson County Fair Association, c/o Scholarship Program Chairperson, at the address listed below. All other documents must be attached to the candidate's application.

DEADLINE

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO scholarships@wilcofair.com, A HARD COPY MAILED WITH OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS POSTMARKED TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION c/o SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON, AT P.O. BOX 1275, TAYLOR, TX, 76574 BY Friday, October 18th 2024.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on participation, past and present participation in the Williamson County Fair and Rodeo; academic achievement; citizenship, character and personal attitude; financial need; and participation, leadership and honors received in community and school activities. Following initial consideration of all applications submitted a group of finalists will be selected to be interviewed by the Scholarship Judges. The scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Judges who conduct the interviews-you will be notified when this date/time is. You will be notified by email if you are a scholarship recipient. Please submit **valid email address** with application. **All winners should be present for the public announcement of the Scholarship recipients date TBD, at the Williamson County Expo Center.**

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Funds for the scholarship awards will be directly sent to the college or university that the recipient will attend. It is imperative that recipients notify TREASURER, WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., in writing, at P.O. Box 1275, Taylor, TX, 76574 at least 30 days before scholarship funds must be received by the recipients' chosen college or university. All requirements specified in the Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship policies must be fulfilled. Providing false information to Williamson County Fair Association, Inc. is grounds for forfeiture of the scholarship. All scholarship proceeds must be used by each scholarship recipient within five (5) years after his/her graduation; any funds not used at that time will be forfeited, unless an extension to use said funds is granted by the Williamson County Fair Association, Inc.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The application form is set up in a table format (MS Word). You may use the tab key to navigate the form or by placing the cursor in each field. The narrative areas consist of one cell so that information can be typed in a paragraph format. If leaving a section blank, please write "intentionally left blank". The format must be maintained and not altered. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM JUDGING.**

2024 WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT APPLICATION

Application must be completely filled out, except where specified, to be accepted.

Please type or print neatly in ink.

Be sure to attach all required documents securely.

Attach recent
2-1/2" x 3-1/2"
HEAD AND SHOULDERS
photo here.
NO SELFIES OR ELECTRONIC
PICTURES

DATE: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name of Candidate: _____

Valid Email Address (This will be the primary form of communication): _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address: _____
(Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Mailing Address: _____
(different than above) (Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone (optional): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Home Address: _____
(Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of high school from which you will graduate: _____

Anticipated high school graduation date: _____

Grade Point Average _____ (as of current semester)

ACT and/or SAT composite scores (if taken)

ACT _____ Date examination was taken: _____

SAT _____ Date examination was taken: _____

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

What College or University do you plan to attend? _____

Colleges/Universities applied to: _____

Colleges/Universities acceptance: _____

What is your planned major in college? _____

What career do you plan to pursue? _____

Why did you choose this career? _____

SCHOOL, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. List your leadership roles, other than agriculturally related activities, including school, church, and other youth groups.

Year	Role	Organization
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2. List your major high school activities and honors.

High School Activity or Honor	Years Involved	Level	Summary of Roles or Duties
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3. Describe the contributions you have made in your community.

4. Personal Narrative - If you desire, type and attach a narrative, not more than one page in length, about yourself pointing out any other important facts you would like the scholarship judges to know.

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this Application. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

If selected to receive a Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship, I understand that I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation, to enroll in a college or university within the State of Texas and to abide by the policies governing the Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship Program.

I hereby authorize any person, firm, school or entity to release to the Williamson County Fair Association, or their authorized representatives, information concerning my current and future academic records and status (both high school and college), activities, honors and awards, citizenship, residency, and financial situation (specifically including all financial aid). If selected as a recipient, a copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm, school or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Williamson County Fair Association Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Williamson County Fair Association, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS the Williamson County Fair Association and with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Williamson County Fair Association or any other media.

The Williamson County Fair Association, Inc. may receive requests for copies of this application from other persons or entities for the purpose of granting scholarships. Please indicate whether or not you agree to the release of your application by checking one of the boxes below.

NO. I do not agree to the release of this scholarship to other persons or entities.

YES. I agree to the release of this scholarship to other persons or entities.

_____ Date _____
(Candidate)

_____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian)

_____ Date _____
(High School Guidance Counselor or Registrar)

_____ Date _____
(FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent)

THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS WHO MEET ITS MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN AWARDING ITS SCHOLARSHIPS IN ANY WAY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.