

CLAY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
2023 YFA GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Purpose:

To assist deserving YFA (Young Fair Associates member) who wishes to pursue higher education at any College or Technical Institution.

Eligibility:

Members of the YFA:

1. **If you receive one of our High School Scholarships this year, you are not eligible to receive this scholarship in the same calendar year.**
2. **Must** be a paid member of the Young Fair Associates by January 1, 2023, to be eligible to apply for the scholarship
3. Must be free from disciplinary action both in school and community.
4. Academically, must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
5. Must volunteer ten (10) hours of community service with the Clay County Fair before or during upcoming fair March 30th – April 9, 2023. **All community service hours must be scheduled with front office. If you are unable to complete the hours you will need to contact the Fair Office (904-284-1615) by Friday, June 2nd. All hours must be completed by Friday, July 14th. If your hours are not completed by this date, your scholarship will be forfeited. "No Exceptions"**
6. Must attend the college or technical institution to which the scholarship has been granted.
7. Students must submit a completed application. **PARTIALLY FILLED OUT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED** (This includes all pages, signatures, and attachments).

Selection:

Selection will be based on the following:

- Application
- Academic Standing
- Essay
- Extracurricular Activity Involvement
- Financial Need
- Community Service
- Fair Involvement

Awards:

The scholarships are awarded to the applicants with the top scores of the Scholarship Committee within the allocated amount for each budget year.

Terms:

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the College or Technical Institution chosen by the student. The student will be responsible for the remaining tuition difference. **Acceptance letter from the College must be received by September 1, 2023 before any funds are disbursed.**

The Fair Office Manager will verify enrollment. **If your college letter is not received in the fair office by September 1, 2023 your scholarship will be forfeited.**

The scholarship may not be transferred to another college. If the student elects to attend a different college, all scholarship funds are forfeited.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING

1. Attach a **sealed copy** of your high school or college transcript including SAT or ACT scores.
2. Attach a total of three (3) letters of recommendation, including one from each category below:
 - a. A school official: teacher, guidance counselor, college career coach or other related.
 - b. Community Organization: church, volunteer program, etc.
 - c. Other: employer, athletic coach, etc.

Letters cannot be from any family member or guardianship.

3. Students who are awarded a scholarship, will be required to submit photos for marketing purposes.
4. Attach a brief essay, not less than 300 words, not to exceed 600 words. The essay must include the applicant's name on each page.

Choose one of the following topics for your essay:

- a. How my involvement in the fair has influenced my life.
 - b. Who has had the most influence on my life, and why?
 - c. A challenge I have overcome in my life
 - d. What do you hope to accomplish in YFA?
 - e. Why did you join YFA?
5. Complete the application **in full** and attach essay.

Submit the completed application and attachments to:
Clay County Fair Association, Inc. (Log Cabin)
2493 State Road 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The completed application must be in the office of the Clay County Fair Association by 4:00 PM on Friday, January 6, 2023, No drop-offs after 4:00 PM or Applications after this date will be accepted. **"No Exceptions"**.

All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final!

Check List:

(Use checklist to verify that your application is complete)

Your application will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified if any of the following items are missing:

- ___ Completed Application – all pages
- ___ Sealed High School / College Transcripts
- ___ Essay Written by the Applicant
- ___ Three (3) Letters of Recommendations