

## 2026 ECLSR Scholarship Program

**The following criteria must be met for a student to apply for the scholarship:**

1. Must be a graduating senior who is a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter within Ellis County at the time of application.
2. Must exhibit at least 2 years in the Ellis County Youth Expo (can include current year).
3. Must submit all 3 parts of the required application at one time by the deadline.
4. Scholarship money will be awarded when the student is enrolled in college and a copy of the tuition bill is submitted to the committee. Scholarships must be used in the year following graduation and claimed by January 1 of the year following graduation.
5. Recipients may use the scholarship at any junior or senior college or university—private, public, or technical. Recipients may major in any field.

### **Student Application Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated equally on the following 5 merit areas:

1. Ellis County Youth Expo participation
2. FFA and/or 4-H participation
3. School and community participation
4. Scholarship
5. Essay on future plans

### **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2026 TO BE CONSIDERED!**

1. Read through the entire application before you begin. Start at the beginning and proceed through the form, answering the questions using a computer word processing program. All information **MUST BE TYPED** in 12 point Times Roman. Neatness is considered. Do not submit the instruction sheet with application.
2. Type the question in all caps with the answer in small case, single spaced directly beneath.  
Example: LIST YOUR EXHIBITS WITH YEARS AND HONORS.  
Lightweight Braford steer, 2021, third place.  
Barbecue pit, 2022, fifth place.
3. If a question does not apply to you personally, please designate as such by typing the question then typing N/A. Do not omit the question.
4. Each applicant must submit the following 3 items:
  - Typed application
  - Typed essay
  - Certified (stamped) high school transcript through the fall semester of your senior year, including rank and number in class.
- 5 The 4 section application is limited to 5 printed pages single spaced (you may double space between questions) and the essay is limited to 1 printed page and must be double spaced.
6. Mail applications to: Ellis Co. Youth Expo  
Attn: Scholarship Committee,  
PO Box T  
Waxahachie, TX 75168

# **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**There is not a printed application.**

**The following is to be used as a guide in making your application.**

**(5 Sections)**

## **Section 1: Personal information**

**Type and center this information at the top of the application in the following order but do not type the following words:**

**Name**

**Complete mailing address**

**Telephone number**

**Email address (if available)**

**High school you attend (or type Home School)**

**(Type the following questions and answers as provided by the guidelines above. Section II may include all years of participation, while Sections III and IV should only include high school years.)**

## **Section II: Ellis County Youth Expo Participation**

- 1. List your exhibits with years and honors (include current year).**
- 2. List your participation at the ECYE in March other than exhibits with years (include leadership roles, community service, etc.)**
- 3. List your participation at other ECYE activities other than the March show and sale (include leadership roles, community service, fundraising, etc.)**

## **Section III: FFA and/or 4-H Participation**

- 1. Name club or chapter of FFA and/or 4-H in which you are a member and how many years in each.**
- 2. List leadership roles and offices you held in each with years.**
- 3. List projects (other than Expo exhibits) carried with years and honors.**
- 4. List any other activities in which you participated with years and honors.**
- 5. List any state or national achievements in FFA and/or 4-H with years and honors.**

## **Section IV: School and Community Participation**

- 1. List your leadership roles and activities in high school with years and honors (include Organizations, sports, UIL, etc.)**
- 2. List your leadership roles and activities in other community events with years and honors (Include church, breed association, and other community activities not previously mentioned).**
- 3. List any jobs you have or have had in high school with years and hours/week worked.**

## **Section V: Essay**

**Your application has shown us what you have been doing during your high school years: the essay will show us what you plan to do with your future in a one-page double spaced essay.**

**Make sure to include the following:**

- 1. Where you plan to go to college or technical school.**
- 2. Your major and why you chose it.**
- 3. What you would like to do in your chosen field.**
- 4. What has influenced you to make these decisions?**