

ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
2022 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA SIGNATURE FORM
YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXPO

AGREEMENT

THE ECAS AGRICULTURAL STAFF SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET OR TO AMEND THESE REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA AT ANY TIME AT ITS DISCRETION AND TO FULLY AND FINALLY DECIDE ALL DISPUTES, QUESTIONS, ISSUES, CLAIMS AND INCIDENTS ARISING FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. BY EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, THE UNDERSIGNED WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION BASED ON OR ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE TERMS HEREOF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE TERMS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP.

RELEASE OF IMAGE RIGHTS

For valuable consideration, I irrevocably grant to the Erie County Agricultural Society(sponsors of the Erie County Fair) , and its agents and assigns (collectively “ECAS”) the right and authority to use any and all recordings and/or images of the student taken by ECAS in any medium for any promotional purpose. I waive all claims for payment in connection with any use of the recordings and/or images. I waive any right to inspect or approve the recordings and/or images. All recordings and/or images, in whatever form or medium, are the sole property of ECAS. I release and agree to hold ECAS harmless from any liability and any cause of action related to any use of the recordings and/or images, whether intentional or otherwise.

If the recipient is a minor child, I represent that I am a parent (or guardian) of the minor, and I hereby agree that we shall both be bound by this Agreement. I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard.

This Agreement shall not be construed under any principle requiring construction against its drafter.

RECIPIENT’S SIGNATURE	RECIPIENT’S PRINTED NAME	DATE

PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE	PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S PRINTED NAME	DATE

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ECAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXPO SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT:

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA FORM

THE ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXPO SCHOLARSHIP

The Erie County Agricultural Society (ECAS) Youth Livestock Expo Scholarship is a four-year college/ approved tech school scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to an exhibitor that receives three of the four Market Animal Champion Titles or three of the four Champion Overall Showman. The distribution spread of a student's scholarship will be determined by the ECAS. The recipient's eligibility may be reviewed each semester. Recipients must meet and maintain the following rules of eligibility and requirements:

ELIGIBILITY

- **Citizenship:** Recipient must be a citizen of the United States and provide a valid Social Security Number. Failure to provide a valid social security number on the Scholarship Information Form may result in forfeiture of any awarded funds.
- **High School Graduation:** Recipient must be currently attending or a graduate of a United States public, private, or home school.

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with all of the requirements listed herein. The ECAS Agriculture Department will not expect the school or a student's parents/guardian to provide any of the required information or documents.

COMMUNICATION WITH ECAS

- **Prior to High School Graduation:** Should the recipient move or change e-mail addresses; the recipient must contact the ECAS Agriculture Department with the updated contact information. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of funds.
- **High School Graduation:** Upon high school graduation, it is the responsibility of the recipient to contact the ECAS Agriculture Department with the proper documentation in order to initiate the first scholarship payment.
- **Frequency of Communication:** Recipient must maintain contact with the ECAS Agriculture Department, communicating at least once each semester once enrolled at a college or university. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of funds.
- **Preferred Method of Communication:** Recipient shall communicate with the ECAS Agriculture Department via e-mail kdygert@ecfair.org and/or phone 716-649-3900 EXT. 6488.
- **Updating Contact Information:** Recipient must maintain a current permanent home address and e-mail on file with the ECAS Agriculture Department. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of funds.

REQUIRED FORMS

Recipient must submit to the ECAS Agriculture Department the original completed ECAS Youth Livestock Expo Scholarship Information Form and Scholarship Requirements & Criteria Form before the initial semester in which the scholarship will be paid.

THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE ECAS AGRICULTURE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15, 2022.

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

- **Permitted Institutions:** Recipient must attend an accredited college or university or an accredited, recognized agricultural or natural resources vocational or technical training school.
- **Timeline to Enter College:** Recipient must enter college no later than two years after graduation from high school. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship unless the ECAS Agriculture Department is notified in writing and an extension is approved. Submit request via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org
- **Degree of Study:** Recipient may pursue any course of study leading to a degree in any field of study.
- **Online Degree:** Online degrees are not recognized.
- **Enrollment Status:** Recipient must maintain full time student status enrolling in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester.
- **Graduating Senior Hours:** Graduating seniors with 100+ hours that have less than 12 degree credit hours remaining must notify the ECAS Agriculture Department and receive approval for funding of these hours. Submit request via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org
- **Junior/Community College Hours:** The maximum number of credit hours that can be obtained at a community or junior college is 60 hours. These hours must be completed within a 2 ½ year time frame.
- **Internships and Study Abroad:** Recipient may participate in internships and study abroad programs must be considered a full-time student at the college or university for the semester in which they are participating in the program. The recipient must submit a letter from their academic advisor confirming participation and confirmation of full-time student status. Submit letter via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.
- **Temporary Hold Request:** Should the recipient be unable to complete a semester or needs to take time off (other than summers) for personal reasons, a request can be made to have the scholarship placed on hold for up to one year (two semesters). Request for holds are decided on a case-by-case basis by ECAS. Hold requests must be submitted in writing to the ECAS Agriculture Department for review. Submit request via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org.
- **Medical Waiver:** Under special circumstances, and subject to approval by ECAS., a Scholar who is unable to attend school due to a medical condition may request a Medical Waiver for up to one year (two semesters). Requests must be submitted in writing and require a doctor's note. Submit request and doctor's note to the ECAS Agriculture Department via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.

GPA AND HOURS REQUIREMENTS

- **Minimum per Semester Requirement:** Recipient must successfully complete 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) each semester, not cumulative, to remain eligible to receive further disbursements of Scholarship funds.
- **Failure to Maintain GPA and/or Hours:** Should the recipient fail to meet the minimum GPA and/or Hours requirements listed herein,
 - First semester below requirements, recipient will receive a warning notification.
 - Second semester below requirements, funds will be placed on hold until the recipient is able to maintain grades and hours for one semester. Recipient must continue to submit an official transcript each semester to the ECAS Agriculture Department.

REQUESTING A SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

- **First Semester:** For the initial semester, recipient must furnish the ECAS Agriculture Department an official registration form (i.e. class schedule that includes the following information: recipient's name, college/university name, listing of classes and total hours) before the initial semester that the scholarship will be paid. An accounting summary (bill or tuition statement) may also be requested. Submit documents via email, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.

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- **Subsequent Semester(s):** Recipient must submit to the ECAS Agriculture Department, within thirty (30) days of the close of each semester, an official transcript for that semester and an official registration form (i.e. class schedule that includes the following information: recipient's name, college/university name, listing of classes and total hours) for the succeeding semester. Documents will be reviewed to determine compliance for payment. An accounting summary may also be requested. Submit documents via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.
- **Requesting a Summer Disbursement:** To request a summer disbursement, recipient must submit to the ECAS Agriculture Department, within thirty (30) days of the close of each semester, an official transcript for that semester and an official registration form (i.e. class schedule that includes the following information: recipient's name, college/university name, listing of classes and total hours) for the summer semester. Documents will be reviewed to determine compliance for payment. An accounting summary may also be requested. Submit documents via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.

TRANSFER OF INSTITUTIONS

Should a scholarship recipient wish to transfer from their original college or university of enrollment, they must notify the ECAS Agriculture Department in writing prior to funding consideration. A certified transcript and an official registration form (i.e. class schedule that includes the following information: recipient's name, college/university name, listing of classes and total hours) from the new institution must be provided to the ECAS Agriculture Department. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of funds. Submit documents via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org, for review.

DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

- **Disbursement of Funds:** Funds will be disbursed at the rate of one-eighth (1/8) of the total amount of the scholarship per semester or the cost of tuition, books, and fees per semester, whichever is the lesser amount. Any requested exceptions to this policy must be sent to the ECAS Agriculture Department in writing for consideration of approval. Submit request via e-mail to kdygert@ecfair.org.
- **Disbursement of Funds for Vocational/Technical Training School:** Disbursement of funds per semester will be determined by ECAS based on the cost of tuition, books, and fees per semester and the length of the degree program. Disbursement rate will be a set amount determined prior to the initial semester.
- **Minimum Disbursement:** The minimum payment per semester (not including summer) will be \$1,000.
- **Summer Disbursement of Funds:** Funds will be disbursed based on summer enrollment, enrollment in 6 to 8 credit hours will be disbursed at the rate of one-half (1/2) of the regular per semester disbursement and enrollment in 9+ credit hours will be disbursed at the full rate of a regular per semester disbursement.
- **Payment to Institution:** Funds shall reside with ECAS and will be paid directly to the accredited college or university designated by the recipient for the benefit of the recipient. The student will receive written notifications from ECAS as to payments made on behalf of the student to the college or university.
- **Payment to Recipient:** No funds will be paid directly to a recipient.
- **Utilization of Funds:** Funds are used only for tuition, books or fees. These funds are not to be used for housing, or day to day living expenses. All excess funds are to be returned to ECAS. no later than the end of each semester.
- **Early Graduation:** Recipient must inform the ECAS Agriculture Department of their intent to graduate early. The ECAS Agriculture Department must receive a letter from the recipient's academic advisor confirming their early graduation date in order for the recipient to receive the remaining scholarship funds. Submit letter via e-mail, kdygert@ecfair.org.

DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES CONT.

- **Graduate School:** Should the recipient complete their undergraduate degree of study and have remaining scholarship funds, the recipient may be eligible to use the remaining funds for graduate

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school or a professional degree program (i.e. medical school, law school, veterinary medicine), provided the recipient is still eligible and the institution is accredited and within the United States.

- **Compliance:** No funds will be disbursed until the recipient has complied with all eligibility and requirements and disbursement procedures listed herein.
- **Not Meeting Requirements:** Should a recipient not attend a college or university or fail to maintain academic standards or college enrollment, the scholarship will be cancelled, and the balance will revert to ECAS.
- **Fraudulent Information:** Any person providing fraudulent information on all or part of the required forms and any submitted information will be deemed ineligible for scholarship funding, and all funds will revert to ECAS.