## **Fort Bend County Fair Association**



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# 2022 Scholarship Rules 1<sup>st</sup> Year Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the Fort Bend County Fair Association (FBCFA) Scholarship program. Scholarship recipient selections are based on Fair involvement, community involvement, and academic achievement.

All supportive scholarship information can be <u>mailed or hand-delivered to the Fair Office</u> by the dates listed below. *It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Fair Office has received all required documents*.

\*\*If mailing, certified mail is recommended. \*\* Hand-delivered preferred\*\*

#### \*\*CERTIFIED MAIL\*\*

Fort Bend County Fair Association P.O. Box 428, Rosenberg, TX 77471 Scholarship Application must be postmarked by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 25, 2022</u>

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## \*\*HAND DELIVERY\*\*

Fort Bend County Fair Association, 4310 HWY 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM
Hand-delivered applications must be received in the Fair Office
no later than Thursday, January 27, 2022, by 4:00 PM

- 1. The Fort Bend County Fair Association will award \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating spring 2022 and to 2<sup>nd</sup>-year applicants who received and completed a 2020 scholarship. Scholarship applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Fort Bend County, or a home address zoned to a Fort Bend County school. Students enrolled in a recognized Fort Bend County private, public or home-schooled program may apply. The applicant must have participated in Livestock, Art, Rodeo, FCCLA, Ag Mechanics or have been a Volunteer of the Fort Bend County Fair.
- 2. Applicant must be a high school senior and graduate the spring semester of their senior year. Applicant must plan to attend a recognized Texas college/university, Technical School, or a United States Military Academy.
- 3. Scholarship applicants failing to follow instructions/guidelines will result in disqualification.
- 4. **Disbursement of scholarship funds**: A \$2,000 payment will be mailed each semester directly to the Texas college/university, Military Academy, or Technical School upon receipt of the following information by the Fair office:
  - *a.* All information must include the student's legal name, number of course hours enrolled, the official name of the Texas college/university, Technical School, or Military Academy.
  - b. A student must be registered for and complete a minimum of 12 hours in each Fall and Spring semester that payment is requested. If a transcript is turned in with only 9 hours completed, the next semester's payment will be forfeited. An overall 2.5 GPA must be maintained. *Mini and/or summer semesters do not qualify for scholarship payment.*
  - c. An **official** copy of the applicant's transcript is required. Phone and/or computer "snapshots" of the transcript will not be accepted.
  - d. Semester payment request may be submitted to the Fair Office by fax to 832-595-0808 or email to mack@fbcfa.org. (Disbursement Form will be emailed to scholarship recipients each semester.)
- 5. A Fair exhibitor disqualified from any FBCFA competition during grades 9-12 will be ineligible to apply for a Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship.
- 6. Semester scholarship payments of \$2,000 will be forfeited if the recipient fails to comply with the above requirements or does not receive payments in *two* (2) *consecutive semesters* without approval from Scholarship Committee. Payments are to begin the fall semester of 2022 following receipt of the scholarship. A recipient may request a deferment of payment in

the form of a letter to the Scholarship Committee through the Fair Office. Any approved deferment will not exceed more than a *one (1) year period*. Any remaining scholarship funds not redeemed at the end of the scholarship award period will be forfeited.

- 7. Only Scholarship Winners will be notified by both email and US Mail. Recipients are **expected** to attend the Scholarship Awards Reception which will be held in the Spring of 2022. The Fair Office must be notified in writing, within 10 days of receiving their awards letter if the scholarship recipient is unable to attend. A parent or sibling **must** attend on the recipient's behalf.
- 8. Scholarship application guidelines:
  - a. Application pages should be printed one-sided only and unstapled.
  - b. Include sealed official high school transcript with "Official" stamp. Transcripts may be mailed directly from the school to the Fair Office.
  - d. Mark N/A (not applicable) for items that do not apply.
  - e. Verification of FBCFA participation may be requested.
  - f. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. (Including omitted signatures)
- 9. Narrative must be between 500 to 800 words, 12-point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced with a one (1) inch margin. *In this section do not use identifying names*. Failure to follow the narrative guidelines will result in disqualification.

1st-year Applicant's 2022 Narrative topic: "How the Fort Bend County Fair Has Impacted my Life."

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### *Scholarship Judge information*:

- a. A minimum of three (3) individuals not associated with the FBCFA or any of the leadership will serve as scholarship judges.
- b. Judges will only receive qualified applications.
- c. Judges' names and personal information will remain confidential from applicants.
- d. Scholarship applications are judged on their own merit.
- e. Judges' decisions are final.

Applicants/applications are subject to the 2022 Scholarship Rules and the Fort Bend County Fair Associations General Rules and Regulations.

Please direct all Scholarship Questions to <u>mack@fbcfa.org</u> or by phone at 281-342-6171

NO Scholarship money will be paid until YOU send a thank you letter to the Fair Association for awarding you this scholarship. Mail your thank you letter to the Fair Office, prior to submitting your payment request form.