

Susan Keen Memorial Youth Scholarship

The Susan Keen Memorial Youth Scholarship is named in honor of Mrs. Susan Ann Irvin Keen, the Chair of the Manatee County Arts and Crafts Department for many years. Additionally, Mrs. Keen served on the Manatee River Fair Board and in many other leadership capacities making many notable contributions to our community. Subsequent to Mrs. Keen's passing in 2009, the Keen Family and her many friends have joined together to establish and fund this scholarship in Mrs. Keen's Memory.

The Keen Family in association with the Manatee River Fair Association will be offering one (1) \$1,000 scholarship for 2025. Applicants must be qualified members of a Manatee County FFA Chapter and/or Manatee County 4-H Club who is a graduating senior planning their post-high school education in the field of agriculture or a related field. Applicants must be graduating from high school in the current year of the scholarship application. Recipients of this scholarship may be able to apply for up to three additional years for this scholarship contingent upon remaining in an agriculture or related field of study and satisfactory academic performance as noted below.

The Susan Keen Memorial Scholarship Committee will consider the following:

1. Each applicant must have completed his/her fair project or projects at the Manatee County Fair within the last two years.
2. Each applicant must hold a 2.5 or greater high school grade point average (based on a 4.0 system). Official high school transcripts should be attached to application. Recipients wishing to re-apply must hold a 2.5 or greater college grade point average with official college transcripts attached.
3. Each applicant must agree to apply the scholarship funds for tuition or fees at a two or four year college and carry at least 12 credit hours per semester. The funds will be assigned to and administered by the applicant's college or university. Should the chosen applicant drop out of school for any reason any unused portion of scholarship will be returned to the Manatee River Fair Association and placed back into the Susan Keen Memorial Scholarship Fund.
4. Each applicant must have a good citizenship record and have demonstrated participation in his/her school and community activities.
5. Each applicant must demonstrate the ability to achieve his/her desired goals during the application process. A typed narrative of up to 200 words which describes your educational plans and future goals should be attached to the application.
6. Financial need will not be considered in the selection process.
7. The distribution of scholarship funds must be within one year of scholarship being awarded.

Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5 PM on December 6, 2024 to the Manatee County Fair Office

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Palmetto, Florida 34221
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NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!



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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Telephone: _____ Current GPA :(4.0 Scale) _____

High School: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____

Parents' Name(s): _____

College Choice: _____ Have you been Accepted: _____

Ag or Related Field Career Choice: _____

High School Activities and any Honors or Awards received: _____

Church, Community, or other Activities in which you have participated: _____

What activities did you benefit from the most? _____

Manatee County Fair projects by year and achievement with years and number of projects: _____

The following must accompany your application:

- Typed narrative (100-200 words) which describes your educational plans and future goals.
- Official transcripts.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.

No pictures will be accepted.

I certify that the above statements are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Current 4-H/FFA Advisor Signature

Date

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