

Red River Valley Fair Association Foundation Scholarship Application 2026



Due: May 31st, 2026

The Red River Valley Fair Foundation will grant up to \$10,000 in scholarships to individuals who are enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution. Recipients will be selected based on participation in the Red River Valley Fair, academic performance, leadership qualities, future goals, job performance, military service, community involvement, and/or financial need.

Qualifications:

- ❖ This scholarship is available to all permanent residents of Cass/Clay Counties who have participated in any Red River Valley Fair Association events within the last 5 years. Events include the Red River Valley Fair, ND Renaissance Fair, Big Iron Farm and Construction Show, Lost in the Valley, Bounce in the Valley, and Holiday Lights. Selections will be made after the fair for proof of participation and contribution.
- ❖ Students must be pursuing a higher education (enrolled in postsecondary institution and or taking dual-credit/AP courses). Applicants must provide proof of enrollment to the Red River Valley Fair Office by September 1 of the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- ❖ The scholarship is available to students who have completed at least one semester of their postsecondary education and/or have proof of their education commitment through a college transcript.
 - **Proof of enrollment and transcripts can be emailed to erin@redrivervalleyfair.com**
- ❖ Finalists will be interviewed by the Red River Valley Fair Foundation Scholarship Committee in June.
- ❖ Scholarship winners will be notified of their selection in June and recipients **MUST** be present on Tuesday, July 7th at the 2026 Red River Valley Fair where they will receive acknowledgement on stage.
- ❖ Scholarship recipients will be required to volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours during the 2026 Red River Valley Fair.
- ❖ This scholarship is for one year only. Participants may apply yearly but are only eligible to win one scholarship annually. Preference will be given to those pursuing degrees related to Career and Technical Education (CTE). This scholarship is for one year only.

Red River Valley Fair Foundation Scholarship Application:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

University Attending or Planning to Attend: _____

Biography of Yourself: (Attach additional if needed)

Academics: A complete cumulative transcript from High School/College is required. Please fill in whatever applies to you, not everything is required to be filled out in order to be considered.

(Please scan and attach when submitting your application)

Date of High School Graduation: _____

GPA: _____

College: _____

College Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Briefly describe how you plan to finance your college education:

Resume:

Your resume is a one-page compilation of your education, work experience, credentials, and accomplishments. **The following is required to be included:**

1. Education
2. Work Experience- List place and length of employment
3. Volunteer Experience
4. Exhibits/Contests/Volunteer participation in any Red River Valley Fair Association events within the last 5 years
5. Outside Activities, programs involved in, clubs, and/or hobbies
6. Honors, Awards received through school sports, 4-H/FFA, church, community, etc.

Essay Writing:

Please select one of the essay topics below and provide your answer in 500 words or less, 12 pt. font, and doubled spaced. Be aware of spelling, grammar, and overall flow of your writing. Please attach the essay you have selected to address to your application.

1. If given a blank slate on which to create the Red River Valley Fair, describe your vision for the fair in the future.
2. Explain how your participation in the Red River Valley Fair has influenced your future.
3. What can the Red River Valley Fair do better to educate fairgoers about the importance of community involvement in North Dakota and Minnesota.
4. What steps do you plan to take in order to become a beneficial member of our society.

Submit your application by May 31st in order to be considered.

Mailed Applications:

Red River Valley Fair Foundation

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