

2024 SFVA General Scholarship Application - State Fair of Virginia

Please fit responses in provided area. Report cards/Transcripts and essays are to be done separately and attached as instructed. If you cannot attach, please email them to edu@statefairva.org.

By submitting this application, you are certifying that the application has been completed by and submitted by the student. Applications must be completed by the student

General scholarship applicants must have participated in 2024 State Fair of Virginia competitions. There is no age minimum, but applications are scored on the same scale.

Top-scoring applicants will be invited to schedule a 10-minute Webex Interview as the final piece of the application. The **top 7 applicants** will be awarded one of the following: the Gatewood Holland Stoneman Scholarship, the Farm Credit Scholarship, or one of the five Youth Development Scholarships.

****Completed applications must be submitted no later than Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm.**

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

2. Name *

First and last name

3. Email *

4. Birthday *

Example: January 7, 2019

5. Phone number *

Permanent Address

6. Street Address *

7. Address Line 2

8. City *

9. County *

10. State *

11. Postal / Zip Code *

State Fair Cumulative Participation (10 points)

How many years have you participated at the State Fair of Virginia? List in chronological order EVERY year of participation. Include the activities/competitions that accompany each year (i.e. Arts & Crafts, Livestock, Horticulture, etc.). Do not include placings. (if you moved from another state and had prior participation in that State Fair, identify the fair and years)

Example:

1. 2019 - Culinary arts (Cakes, Cookies), Horticulture
3. 2020 - Culinary Arts, Youth Sheep, Youth Plants, Youth Horticulture

12. Cumulative Participation (list) *

Education (6 Points)

13. School Name & Location *

14. Grade Level *

15. List your GPA and max GPA allowed at your school (intermediate and senior only)

16. Class Rank and Number of Students in Class (Senior level only)

Teacher or Guidance Counselor can provide

Extracurricular Activities & Leadership (7 Points)

List school and youth organizations in which you hold or have held membership. Include dates of involvement, positions held, size and scope of involvement (time spent, people recruited, other resources committed)

Ex.

1. 4-H member and secretary 2019 - 2021, meets monthly
2. Camp Counselor at Art Camp summer 2021, four weeks
3. School class president - 2018, meet biweekly

17. Leadership Activities *

Community Service (7 Points)

List areas of volunteer or community service participation. Include dates of involvement, size and scope of involvement (time spent, people recruited, other resources committed).

Ex.

1. Girl Scouts, Made holiday cards November and December each year (2hours)
2. Trash Pickup July (3hours)
3. 4-h - 2019 - 2021 Bake Sale for animal shelter (3 hours/year)

18. Community Service Activities *

Essay ***Required*** (10 Points)

- *Time often brings transition. Transition creates an opportunity to blend experienced knowledge and leadership with new ideas and excitement.*

Why is it important and necessary to balance new leaders and their ideas with experienced knowledge and leadership?

Guiding questions to consider:

- *How can an organization or group - from family farms to larger organizations - create space and opportunities for new leaders (like yourself)?*
- *As a young leader, what are things that you see that could be both helpful or hurtful as you become a leader and share your voice?*
- *Is there a way an organization should balance newer and older leaders?*
- *What does an organization risk if they do not create sustainable opportunities for newcomers? In contrast, what does an organization risk by not maintaining historical knowledge and experience?*

Please attach your response written in essay format. Answers must be submitted with the following guidelines:
No longer than three double-spaced pages. Please do not list your name, farm, school, hometown, etc. in the essay as this is anonymous.

Essays should be saved including the following format in the name "Last Name.First Name Initial" i.e. "Smith.B"

One-inch margins

12-point font

****Essays must be written by the student****

Essays are required. Failure to submit will result in your application not being accepted. If you cannot upload here, please email to scholarship@statefairva.org.

19. Upload your Essay

Files submitted:

Report Card / Transcript ***Required***

Please send a PDF report of your current grades (transcript or report card), and upload below. Transcripts for older students (unofficial transcript is fine) should be used if applicable.

For home school students, please submit the equivalent of your performance record.

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20. Report Card/ Transcript Upload

Files submitted:

Photo Upload and Brief Bio*

*Bios and photos will be used for selected scholarship recipients. The scholarship committee will not have access to either the photo or the personal description. They will only be opened and used if you are selected as a recipient. Photos should be an appropriate photo of you that is related to your fair involvement. Photos will be used for our Scholarship Hall of Fame to congratulate our winners during the fair.

By asking for your photo now, we will not have to request photos later and be able to utilize our banners most effectively.

21. Photo Upload

Files submitted:

22. Please provide a brief 1-2 sentence bio of who you are and what you hope to do in the future.

Thank you for your scholarship submission!

Thank you for submitting your application.

We will contact you if we have any questions. Top candidates will be notified to schedule an interview as the final part of the application (February). Scholarship recipients will be notified, and a press release will go out announcing all winners in late spring.

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