

# State Fair of Virginia Applied Scholarship Application Tips



## CUMULATIVE PARTICIPATION

State Fair participation should be listed by year or by category (culinary arts vs. creative arts vs. sheep vs. cattle vs FFA/SkillsUSA/4H/HOSA/DECA/FCCLA competitions, etc.).

Individuals that participate in multiple categories or departments and in multiple years will score higher in these areas. Consider exploring competition guides in other categories.



## LEADERSHIP

List the organization that the leadership example is affiliated with. Then list any titles or offices held in the organization. Holding officer and leadership roles is beneficial.

Finally, list the duration of this commitment by showing what years you participated in and the time commitment associated with it. Showing longevity and a stable time commitment is important.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

If community service is associated with an organization (i.e. 4-H, FFA, etc.), list the organization and then list the different community service activities associated with that organization.

List the time commitment associated with the activity or organization.

Showing repetitive community service will score higher. Do you volunteer somewhere every month? Is there an activity that you do every year or multiple times a year? We want to know!



## ESSAY

Essays should be written in your own words and should be thoughtful. Think through the essay prompt and answer it true to yourself. Telling a personal story or anecdote can support your message. Don't forget to reread it and proofread it before submitting it.



## FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Following instructions and making your application clear will make it easier for our scholarship team to evaluate your application. We have a lot of incredible applications and cannot offer scholarships to everyone, so don't forget to reapply in future years if you did not receive one. Reach out to SFVA staff if you have any questions.

Good Luck!

