

2025 Youth Livestock Scholarship Application - State Fair of Virginia

Three age categories are available:

SENIOR: Exhibitors ages 16 and older, as of September 30, 2025 who participated in the 2025 State Fair of Virginia 4H & FFA youth livestock program.

INTERMEDIATE: Exhibitors age 13 to 15, as of September 30, 2025 who participated in the 2025 State Fair of Virginia 4H & FFA youth livestock program.

JUNIOR: Exhibitors age 9 to 12, as of September 30, 2025 who participated in the 2025 State Fair of Virginia 4H & FFA youth livestock program.

**** Completed applications must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm.** Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted. ****

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

If you cannot attach report card/transcript and essay below, please email them to scholarship@statefairva.org.

Top-scoring **senior** applicants will be invited to schedule a 10-minute Webex Interview as the final piece of the application.

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

2. Name *

First and last name

3. Birthday *

Example: January 7, 2019

4. Email *

5. Phone number *

Permanent Address

6. Street Address *

7. Address Line 2

8. City *

9. State *

10. Postal / Zip Code *

11. Select your Age Category *

Mark only one oval.

- Senior (16 and up by 9/30/2025)
- Intermediate (13 to 15 by 9/30/2025)
- Junior (9 to 12 by 9/30/2025)

2025 State Fair Participation

Please select ALL shows you participated in during the 2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth 4H & FFA livestock competitions.

12. 2025 Participation *

Check all that apply.

- Youth Swine
- Youth Sheep
- Youth Beef
- Youth Meat Goat

State Fair Cumulative Participation (17 points)

List in chronological order EVERY year of participation at the State Fair of Virginia. Include ALL activities/competitions for each participating year excluding placement.

Ex.

1. 2019 - Youth Sheep
2. 2021 - Youth Beef, Youth Sheep
3. 2023 - Horticulture, Youth Beef, Youth Sheep

OR

Youth Sheep - 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025
Horticulture, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

13. Cumulative Participation (list) *

Education (4 Points)

14. School Name & Location *

15. Grade Level *

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

17. 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; this can include sports teams, youth organizations, work experiences, etc. Include dates of involvement, positions held, size and scope of involvement (time spent, people recruited, other resources committed)

Ex.

1. 4-H member (2018 - present), Secretary (2022-2023), meets monthly
2. Camp Counselor at Art Camp summer 2022, four weeks
3. School class president - 2023, meet biweekly during school year
4. High school Basketball team (2021-present), co-captain (2023)

18. Leadership Activities *

Community Service (6 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/annually since 2021)
2. Trash Pickup, July 2023 (3 hours)
3. 4-h - 2015 - 2018 Bake Sale for animal shelter (3 hours/year)
4. Tutor, September 2023-December 2023 (one hour/ week)

19. Community Service Activities *

Essay ***Required*** (6 Points)

How do you think livestock showing and agriculture contribute to your community?

Guiding questions to consider:

- o *How do or can you engage your community in livestock showing?*
- o *Why is it important for agriculture to find common ground and understanding with those not involved with agriculture?*

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.

20. Upload your Essay

Files submitted:

Academic Performance: Report Card / Transcript ***Required***

Please upload a PDF/Image of your current grades (report card or transcript) below. Transcripts (unofficial is fine) should be used for older students, report cards for younger students who do not have transcripts.

***We recognize that records of academic performance vary based on age and school, please note that a report card (or equivalent for home school) is perfect for elementary and middle school applicants.**

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

21. 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 file. They will only be opened and used if you are selected as a recipient. Photos should be an appropriate photo of you with your animal or in agriculture and show your face. 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.

22. Applicant Photo

Files submitted:

23. Please provide a brief 1 sentence bio in the third person 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. Scholarship recipients will be notified, and a press release will go out announcing all winners, typically in Mid-March.

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