



Blue Ribbon Foundation 2021 Scholarship Application

Due by: 5:00 p.m. October 1, 2021



The Blue Ribbon Scholarship program was founded in 2012 and is intended to support the network of fairs and their families by offering scholarships to motivate high-achievers in pursuit of their careers and life goals. A total of two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded, one to an applicant from each category.

Scholarship applications are available online at www.westernfairs.org or by contacting the WFA office at (916) 927-3100 or visiting the office at 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Who is eligible?

- One scholarship recipient will be selected from each of the following categories and you may only apply for one category:
 - WFA Service Member: Child, grandchild or current member
 - WFA Member Fair: Child or grandchild of permanent staff or current full-time employee

Additional criteria:

- Applicants must be entering their freshman year or currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, technical school or community college.
- Open to students of any age.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher.
- Previous Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship Recipients are not eligible.

How do I apply?

- A completed Blue Ribbon Scholarship application (available online at www.westernfairs.org or by emailing miki@fairsnet.org).
- Applications must be typed, printed and signed.
- A check list of the additional materials for a complete application is included.
- Two complete application packets must be postmarked or delivered by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.
- Mail or hand deliver completed application and required documents to: **Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship c/o Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815**

Process:

- Applications will be reviewed for requirement compliance by the Scholarship Committee. *Only complete packets with all documents (see scholarship check-off) will be considered and judged.*
- Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their personal commitment and goals established for his/her chosen field, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, qualifications for category entered and the completeness of his/her application packet.

If Selected:

- Scholarship Recipients will be selected and announced in November.
- Recipients will be featured in the Western Fairs Association Magazine, WFA/Blue Ribbon Website, social media and recognized at the Annual Convention & Trade Show in January and other media opportunities.



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Scholarship Check-Off Cover

To ensure that all the materials needed for a complete application are included, please check off this form and include it with your application. **Applicants are eligible for only one category in the Blue Ribbon Scholarship Program. *NOTE: Only complete packets with all documents will be considered and judged.***

Complete application packets must be **postmarked or delivered** to Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship c/o Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815, **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.**

| Two complete sets of the following Required Documents (Due by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021) | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholarship Application Please type all the fields and sign the last page to complete application. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two Letters of Recommendation One must be from a professional educator, teacher, professor, advisor, principal or dean. Must have been written within the last year, include applicant's name and may not be written by a parent or close relative. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal Statement Indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals, and detailing your involvement in school activities, and in community and volunteer service. Statement must be two pages double-spaced and not more than three typed pages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transcript Most recent official transcript required – High School or College whichever is applicable. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photo of Applicant Email digital high-resolution jpeg file to miki@fairsnet.org |

Please select which Blue Ribbon Scholarship you are applying for:

WFA Service Member: Child, grandchild or current member whose business has/had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Business Name: _____

Business Owner or Staff Name: _____

WFA Member Fair: Child or grandchild of permanent staff or current full-time employee of a Fair that has/had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Fair Name: _____

Fair Staff Name: _____

Scholarship Committee will verify Western Fairs Association membership.



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Please Type

Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ Cumulative College GPA: _____

Do you have any other family that are members of WFA? _____

If so please list:

Name: _____ Business/Fair: _____

Name: _____ Business/Fair: _____

What WFA/Fair activities have you volunteered/participated in:
(Event, Job, Hours Worked)

List high school, junior college and college(s) attended (including present school)

**Do not include single courses or night school, these can be included in your personal statement

High School: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Junior College: _____ City: _____

College: _____ City: _____

List name of college, university, junior college or technical school you plan to attend:

_____ Year Plan to Attend: _____

Intended field of study: _____

For what occupation are you preparing: _____



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Please list academic honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

Please list extracurricular honors and awards (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will be attending full-time a four-year college or university or a two-year community college or a vocational trade school in the fall of 2021. I have read and understand the eligibility and application requirements of this scholarship program. I understand that if chosen, my scholarship award will be sent to the financial aid office of the college or university, and proof of my enrollment must be provided to the scholarship committee prior to the award being given. **I have included two separate, complete sets of the application and all of the following required documents:** Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship application; two current letters of recommendation (one must be from a professional educator and only two recommendations will be considered); personal statement; official transcript from school (accumulative and current) and photo of applicant. *If a returning applicant, you must submit the completed scholarship packet each time you apply, previously submitted application packets will not be considered.*

Disclaimer: The Blue Ribbon Foundation reserves the right to change or update the content of all categories and to use applicants photos in media opportunities. Applicants will be notified of any changes and will have ample time to change his/her category if applicable.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)