



2026 YORK STATE FAIR OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

The York State Fair offers the York State Fair Outstanding Youth Award to an Outstanding 4-H and/or FFA member in York County. The Outstanding Youth Award recipient will receive \$2000.00 after the completion of the 2026 York State Fair. The York State Fair's Outstanding Youth Award recipient should be present at the 2026 York State Fair Jr. Livestock Sale and be available at other times during the fair and during the 2026/2027 school year.

Application Procedure

Applications are available on the York State Fair website at www.yorkstatefair.org or by contacting the York State Fair Office at 717-848-2596. Applications must be completed in full, be accompanied by the required documentation, and postmarked no later than June 12, 2026, for evaluation, interviews, and selections. Interviews will be June 19, 2026.

Completed applications should be sent to:

York State Fair
Attn: YSF Outstanding Youth Award
334 Carlisle Avenue
York, PA 17404

Questions about the application can be directed to:

York State Fair Office
Nicole Groff, Director of Agricultural Education
717-848-2596
ngroff@yorkstatefair.org

Applicant Eligibility

To qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must be a 4-H and/or FFA member of good standing, enrolled in York County 4-H Program and/or an active member listed on the current FFA Roster of a chartered FFA Chapter in York County. All applicants must have exhibited at the York State Fair and must be 16-21 years old as of January 1st, 2026. York State Fair Volunteer Hours must be recorded on Section VII. and signed by the volunteer supervisor and turned in to the York State Fair Office by September 1st following the completion of the fair, a copy will be given back to you. All log copies must be submitted with completed applications. Volunteer hours may be completed over numerous years. For a list of areas to volunteer in please, see the Addendum at the end of the application. Previous winners of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

Awards will be based on academics/employment, community leadership, agricultural activities, and York State Fair involvement.

Evaluation Procedure

For purposes of the evaluation of applicants, selection committees will be chosen by the York State Fair Admin to review the applications and complete the interviews. Applications submitted without the appropriate materials will be considered as incomplete and will not be considered.

Section VI. : Long Answer Questions

Future Plans: In essay form, please explain future plans for continued education and /or career path. (Please attach separate sheets if needed)

Section VI. : Long Answer Questions– Continued

Essay Question: In essay form, please answer the following question: (Please attach separate sheets if needed)

What does the York State Fair mean to my community?

Scholarship Application Checklist

Note: Submit this completed checklist with the application materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applications MUST be signed.

Applicant	Committee	
_____		I. Personal Contact Information Completed
_____		II. Academic & Employment Information Completed
_____		III. Activities
_____		IV. 4-H & FFA
_____		V. York State Fair Participation History Completed
_____		VI. Long Answer Questions Completed
_____		VII. Volunteer Hour Logs Enclosed
_____		VIII. Wallet Size Photo Enclosed (Photo mail be emailed to ngroff@yorkstatefair.org)

Required Signatures

Applicant Name	Signature	Date
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FFA Members (if applicable)

FFA Advisor Name	Signature	Date
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4-H Members (if applicable)

Extension Office Staff	Signature	Date
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Addendum I. Volunteer Options

Below is a list of areas on the fairgrounds that applicants can volunteer at to obtain volunteer hours to go towards the York State Fair Outstanding Youth Award. If an applicant wishes to volunteer in a different area on the fairgrounds, please contact Nicole Groff at ngroff@yorkstatefair.org or 717.848.2596 to confirm that the volunteer area is acceptable.

Before Fair:

Setup in the Ag Education Center
Setup in Horticulture Hall
Setup in Old Main

During Fair:

Ag Education Center
Horticulture Hall
Old Main
Heroes Hall
The Arena

After Fair:

Clean-Up in Ag Education Center
Clean-Up in the Horticulture Hall
Clean-Up in Old Main

If applicants have any questions on who to contact to volunteer, please contact Nicole Groff at ngroff@yorkstatefair.org or 717.848.2596.