

# **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION |**

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## **New Rules in Yellow**

### **GENERAL RULES:**

#### **Premise:**

- Each year the Kissimmee Valley Livestock, Show & Fair, Inc. shall award eight (8) \$1,000.00 Educational Scholarships to eight (8) outstanding exhibitors participating in the annual fair.
- Applications will be accepted in the following areas:
  - Youth Market Steer
  - Youth Market Hog
  - Youth Market Lamb
  - Youth Market Goat
  - Youth Beef Heifer
  - Youth Citrus Tree
  - Youth Exhibits.
  - Youth Poultry
  - Youth Rabbits
- These scholarships are based on achievement in 4-H & FFA, not financial need.
- In the event of a tie, action will be at the discretion of the KVLS & Fair Board of Directors.

#### **Accounting for Awards:**

- It is possible that a winner of the Scholarship may be a younger exhibitor. In this instance the \$1,000.00 will be deposited in a dedicated scholarship account until disbursement with no accumulated interest.
- All interest earned will remain in the dedicated account to assist in perpetuating the scholarship program.
- All such funds will be held in trust until proper disbursement is requested.
- To request disbursement, Scholarship Winners must provide a validated copy of their current educational schedule of classes, address for the institution and corresponding student ID number.
- Funds will be made payable to the **INSTITUTION** only.
- No money shall be paid directly to the exhibitor.
- The money may only be used for education expenses. Must be used for tuition, books, or labs.

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- Unused money will be refunded to KVLS by the institution.
- If the exhibitor fails to pursue continuing education, and has attained the age of 25, the award will be forfeited and the monies returned to the KVLS treasury.
- Monies donated as additional scholarships, and Memorial scholarships will be returned to the donor if the recipient does not use the funds by the age of 25
- Funds are dispersed to registered students only.
- Each scholarship is for \$1,000.
  - Youth can receive up to two \$1000.00 scholarships.
  - Memorial scholarships and additional scholarships are only eligible for those who compete for the KVLS scholarships

## ***Selection Committee:***

- The scholarship committee will appoint community leaders to judge eligible applicants+

## ***Award Presentation:***

- The scholarship winners will be notified and awards will be presented at a designated time at the April KVLS Meeting.

## ***Review Process***

- The scholarship committee will provide a review process to select the top 15 applications which will then continue to the next level of completion which will include an illustration talk/demonstration on leadership or citizenship within the project area and an interview.
- The fifteen (15) youth selected to compete for the interview/illustrated talk portion of the competition will be notified via email.

## ***Eligibility:***

- Age: 14-19 years old by September 1, of current year.
- Must actively participate in at least one of the eligible competitive programs.
- Exhibitors may compete for one scholarship per year.
- Youth may only win one time in each of the project areas listed above and no more than a total of two scholarships during his or her FFA or 4-H career.
- Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online.

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***Points will be awarded in the following areas:***

- MARKET/AUCTION ANIMAL
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview\*\*
- GENERAL YOUTH
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview\*\*
- BEEF HEIFER
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview
- CITRUS
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview
- POULTRY
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview
- RABBIT
  - 50 Points | Illustrated Talk\*
  - 50 Points | Interview

## **Donald Garmany Memorial Scholarship**

- The family of KVLS Board and Lifetime Member, Donald Garmany funds this scholarship— It is given to a standout participant in the general scholarship competition, and at the discretion of the Garmany family.
- Awarded to an exhibitor ONE TIME, in the amount of \$500.00, and is NOT RENEWABLE.
- The award will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's **application and illustrated talk.**

## **Jim Morgan Memorial Scholarship**

- The family of Member, Jimmy Morgan funds this scholarship— It is given to a standout participant in the general scholarship competition, and at the discretion of the Morgan family.
- Awarded to an exhibitor ONE TIME, in the amount of \$500.00, and is NOT RENEWABLE.
- The award will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's **application and illustrated talk.**

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## Noah's Ark Ranch Memorial Scholarship

- The family of Noah's Ark funds this scholarship— It is given to a standout participant in the general scholarship competition, and at the discretion of the Noah's Ark Ranch family.
- Awarded to an exhibitor ONE TIME, in the amount of \$500.00, and is NOT RENEWABLE.
- The award will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's **application and illustrated talk.**

## Bruce Wilson Sr. Memorial Scholarship

- The family of KVLS Board and Lifetime Member, Bruce Wilson Sr funds this scholarship— It is given to a standout participant in the general scholarship competition, and at the discretion of the Wilson family.
- Awarded to an exhibitor ONE TIME, in the amount of \$500.00, and is NOT RENEWABLE.
- The award will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's application and illustrated talk.

## Kowntown Pig Jig Scholarship

- The Pig Jig Committee will fund this scholarship— It is given to a standout participant in the general scholarship competition, and at the discretion of the Pig Jig Committee.
- Awarded to an exhibitor ONE TIME, in the amount of \$500.00, and is NOT RENEWABLE.
- The award will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's application and illustrated talk.

## Additional Scholarships

- Additional Scholarships will be accepted if they support youth involved in one of the above-mentioned categories of 4-H/FFA Youth Development.
- Awards will be selected by a panel and judged on the exhibitor's application and illustrated talk. The donor (s) will be invited to participate on the panel.

*\*The Illustrated Talk must answer the question "how KVLS & the Fair has your made you a better leader or citizen?" The illustrated talk must last between 5 and 8 minutes.*

**Any talks not in compliance with the 5-8-minute time requirement will receive a 20-point deduction to their Illustrated Talk score.**

- **No PowerPoint or computer generated presentations**

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## ***DEADLINES:***

- APPLICATION FORMS ARE DUE:
- The applications would be accepted via email submitted no later than midnight **January 31, 2026.** The email is **kvlsscholarship@gmail.com.**
- THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026** at KVLS Office.

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