

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
2025 HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE:

*ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MCFLA FAIR OFFICE BY
NOON, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025 - There will be no exceptions to this deadline.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS:

- Please do not **bind or staple** your original application or copies, **paper clipped only**.
- Make **4 copies** of your completed application, excluding 5” x 7” the picture.
- Place the original completed application plus your four (4) copies of your completed application (**5 total**) and your one 5” x 7” picture (only one (1) picture is needed) in a single, sealed envelope and submit it to the MCFLA Fair office by **Noon, Monday, January 20, 2025**.
- *****There will be no exceptions to this deadline*****
- If any required items are missing, your application will not be considered for a scholarship.
- Read application carefully and follow instructions as requested. Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. The applicant surveys.
2. A completed Fair Event Participation Record (included below).
3. An autobiography (must be typed) not to exceed one page.
4. Three letters of recommendation (two must be from outside the school system).
5. An official copy of recent high school transcript (the copies you make must be front and back) TIP: transcript orders sometimes take time to process, pre-planning must be utilized, and school holidays must be considered.
6. Record of official TSI/SAT/ACT score
7. Resume that includes: 1. education 2. school organizations.
3. community involvement 4. work experience 5. career applicant is seeking and why.
8. **Only one** 5” x 7” picture with your name and address on the back

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APPLICANT SURVEY

1. Name of applicant: _____
(Last, First, Middle)

2. Mailing address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
(Street or Box, City, Zip)

3. Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

4. Name & address of father: _____

Father's occupation & employer: _____

5. Name & address of mother: _____

Mother's occupation & employer: _____

6. List names and ages of all siblings currently enrolled in college: (please attach additional pages if necessary).

Name: _____ Age: ____ College: _____

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7. Were you involved with the Matagorda County Fair Assn. during your high school career? Please circle: YES or NO

How Many Years? Please circle: 1 2 3 4 Please describe involvement in detail: (please attach additional pages if necessary)

What is your current project? _____

8. Validation of agricultural experiences: _____

(Signature of 4-H, FFA, or FHA leader)

9. Extra-curricular activities you are involved in include volunteer, church, FFA, FHA, 4-H & school. (Please attach additional pages if necessary)

10. College, Trade/Tech School, or Branch of Military you plan to attend: _____ Have you been accepted? _____

11. Course of study you plan to pursue: _____

12. If choosing an Agriculture Degree, please list specific degree to pursue and why: _____

13. Career plans: _____

14. Have you applied for any other scholarships? Circle YES or NO.

If Yes – List them and the amount awarded:

If Yes - then how much awarded _____

15. Parent's names as you would like listed in programs and papers: _____

16. List all awards and recognition you have received (please attach additional pages if necessary).

17. Please describe your financial need. Tell us why you need this scholarship – be detailed (please attach additional pages if necessary)

Date of application: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Parental Authorization/ Consent: I, _____, authorize the applicant of this scholarship to participate in all phases of the scholarship program to include disclosure of applicant's name, photograph, and award details to local news media including social media.

Parents Signature

Date

Fair Event Participation and Volunteerism Record – 2025 Scholarship Applicants

Please indicate which fair activities, listed below, you have participated in, and what years you participated.

EVENT NAME	8 th Grade Year 20-21	Freshman Year 21-22	Sophomore Year 22-23	Junior Year 23-24	Senior Year 24-25
Contest and Show Participation					
Home Economics Food Show Participant					
Home Economics Craft Show Participant					
Academic Rodeo Team Member					
Public Speaking Contestant					
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Swine Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Goat Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Steer Exhibitor					
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers Exhibitor					
Agricultural Mechanics Show Team Member					
Talent Show Participant					
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant for the Fair and Rodeo					
Participant for Halter Heifer Show					
Junior Fair Board Member					
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant					
October Event -					
Help with the Mutton Bustin'					
Help with the VIP Dinner					
Help in the Fair Office					
Help hand out programs					
Fair Volunteerism					
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Auction					
Help MCFLA with the Livestock Auction					
Help MCFLA in the Office					
Help MCFLA with Steer Validation (September)					
Help MCFLA with Lamb and Goat Validation (November)					
Help MCFLA with Swine Validation (December)					
Help MCFLA with Rabbit Validation (January)					
Help MCFLA with Poultry Pick-up (January)					
Help MCFLA with Bar-B-Que Cook-Off					
Help MCFLA set up Home Economics Craft Show					
Help MCFLA set up Home Economics Food Show					
Help MCFLA with the Talent Show or Public Speaking Contest					
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the Rodeo					
Help MCFLA with Livestock Judging					
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show					
Help MCFLA set up and/or take down the livestock pens					
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Programs/Day Sheets					
Help with the Rodeo Production Untying Calves					
Help MCFLA with the Senior Citizens Day					

** Please list additional MCFLA Volunteerism on separate paper.

**CRITERIA AND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
(GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS)**

1. Level of involvement in agricultural activities including 4-H, FFA, FHA, and the MCFLA for the past four years. (Involvement includes projects, livestock projects, home economics projects, etc.)
2. Graduating with a Degree in the Agriculture Field
3. Scholarship and goal orientation to demonstrate or describe need.
4. Proper completion of application.
5. Academic ability (grades, including most recent transcript, class rank, TSI, ACT, and/or SAT scores).
6. Communication skills (written and oral).
7. How well applicants represent themselves in the autobiography, resume, and interview.
8. Interview of finalist is determined by the scholarship committee. An interview will be conducted by a panel of three to five judges. Interviews will begin at 1:00PM on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Finalist will receive a letter with their interview time. These judges with various career backgrounds in agriculture, business, education, etc., do not reside in Matagorda County.
9. All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Scholarship Applicants must be submitted prior to interviewing and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned **ONLY** if the protest is upheld. After Scholarship Interviews, the committee decision is final and not subject for protest. Selection procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every scholarship applicant agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any graduating high school senior in Matagorda County who is a U.S. Citizen, and desires to further his or her education through an institution of higher learning/military is eligible to apply.
2. Any student who has been involved in any of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Shows or Contests or who has been involved in a 4-H Club, High School FFA Chapter, or FHA, is eligible to apply.

***ANY STUDENT WHO FAILS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS
WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY!***

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

1. Scholarship recipients may collect one scholarship payment per each Spring, Summer & Fall semester(s). For the first payment, recipients must provide a statement of tuition & fees or proof of enrollment for the college they are attending to the Fair Office before payment will be sent to the college. For all payments thereafter, recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA and provide the Fair Office with a copy of their transcript, along with statement of tuition & fees or proof of enrollment before payment is issued to college. If you fall below the 2.5 GPA any semester, that semester payment will be lost to the recipient, and kept in the scholarship fund.
2. All payments will be made directly to the college.
3. Scholarships will be paid out over a two/four-year period. Scholarship payout will be determined by the amount of scholarship awarded and program chosen. Recipients will receive a letter with detailed information on their payout amounts.
4. Tuition statements will remain in the fair office for each recipient until all scholarship funds are exhausted, or the four-year limitation has passed.
5. All unused funds will revert to the scholarship fund if not used within the four-year period following the scholarship award unless other arrangements have been approved by the board prior to the four-year limitation.
6. Military recipients may collect one scholarship payment twice a year. For each payment recipient must provide proof of active military and standing to the Fair Office before payment will be made. All payments will be made to the recipient.