

**New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs
and
New York State Showpeople's Association**

2023 Scholarship Application

The **NYSAAF** and **NYSSA** offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the **NYSAAF** or the **NYSSA** and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. The fair where you have been active or the **NYSSA** must endorse your application and will submit it for you. Our website www.nyfairs.org offers a complete list of our member fairs.

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs Applicants: Applications submitted through the **NYSAAF** should be submitted to your local fair that you participate in. Applicants may submit only one application.

New York State Showpeople's Association Applicants: Applications submitted through the **NYSSA** should be submitted to: Sarah McAndrew, Secretary NYSSA, 7194 Rosewood Circle, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Applicants may submit only one application.

Purpose

To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree. Application is open to all applicants regardless of your field of study. However, additional consideration may be given to those applicants pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management or the outdoor amusement business. All are encouraged to apply.

Awards

Up to ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded for 2023. Plus on \$500 award from the Fair Manager's association.

Eligibility

Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school in New York State or be a New York State resident already attending college and planning to pursue or already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Deadline

Student applications must be post marked no later than the second Friday in April, to the member fair or the New York State Showpeople's Association Secretary.

Scoring

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

Essay	15%
Citizenship & leadership	25%
Fair/Outdoor Amusement Business participation	35%
Presentation of application	15%
Academic achievements	10%
Total	100%

Instructions

Make sure that you complete the entire application according to directions. Return the completed application to your local fair or the NYSSA by the date indicated. The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decisions on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application. The application has been formatted so that it must be completed online. All applications must be on this form. However, do not email it to us. You must submit a hard copy of your application to an official of your sponsoring fair or to the NYSSA for endorsement. You may add additional pages as necessary. Handwritten applications will **not** be accepted. Applications must be printed on plain stock white paper (such as 20 lb. paper).

Checklist

- Scholarship application. Completed online and then print**
 - Two letters of recommendation**
 - Fair/Outdoor Amusement Business participation**
 - Fair/NYSSA endorsement on the application**
 - Essay**
 - Transcript- Name of school you are currently attending (high school or college)”. Also, grade point and rank in class should reflect current year.**
 - Review your application for spelling and grammar errors. Your presentation of all the above is very important. Give it your best effort.**
- For **high school seniors**: from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12
For **college students**: from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** college transcript through 1st

Indicate which scholarship you are applying for by double-clicking on the appropriate box:

COLLEGE ENTRANT

CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ AGE _____ SEX: M F

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ RANK IN CLASS _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES(S):

**NAMES OF BROTHERS/
SISTERS**

**LIVING
AT HOME**

**ATTENDING
COLLEGE**

Y N
Y N
Y N

Y N
Y N
Y N

**NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE
ALREADY ATTENDING**

IF ATTENDING COLLEGE, YEAR YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE _____

IF NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE, HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?

Y N **IF YES, WHERE?** _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST

**EXPLAIN YOUR CAREER GOALS. IF YOUR GOALS RELATES TO
AGRICULTURE, FAIR MANAGEMENT OR THE OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT
BUSINESS PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

(For the following, please attach additional sheets, properly labeled, if necessary)

A. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List offices held, if any)

B. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Church, clubs, organizations, etc.)

C. AWARDS RECEIVED (School, community, clubs, organizations, etc.)

D. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL FAIR(S) OR OUTDOOR AMUSEMENT BUSINESS (Type of involvement, awards, years, etc.)

E. WORK EXPERIENCE (List dates, employer, duties)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION

REFERENCES Please attach two (2) recent letters of reference pertaining specifically to this application. These letters must be dated and signed; they will not be accepted without a date and a signature.

For the following, please attach a separate sheet and explain in as much detail as possible.

ESSAY (Tell us in 500 words or less: “What experiences have you had exhibiting at or working at a fair or outdoor amusement venue that you feel will help you with your future goals?”)

TRANSCRIPT

High school seniors: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12. Name of school you are currently attending (high school or college)”. Also, grade point and rank in class should reflect current year.

College students: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** a college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year. Name of school you are currently attending (high school or college)”. Also, grade point and rank in class should reflect current year.

FILING DEADLINE **Your application must be received by the sponsoring member fair or the NYSSA no later than the second Friday in April!**

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date signed

Date signed

Submit your completed application to your sponsoring fair or to the NYSSA before the filing deadline. A fair or NYSSA member will complete the application endorsement section on the following page and forward the application to the appropriate NYSAAF personnel for consideration.

Scholarship Application Endorsement by Member Fair/NYSSA

Instructions to Fairs and NYSSA

You are encouraged to provide as much information as possible. Use additional sheets, if necessary. Please tell us if the applicant is or has been an active participant in your fair or outdoor amusement business

- why your fair or amusement business thinks that we should award one of the scholarships to this applicant

Signature of member fair/NYSSA officer

Name of member fair

Print your name and fair/NYSSA title

Street address of fair/ NYSSA

Your phone number

City State Zip

District No. _____