

2015 Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Procedures, Rules, Expectations & Application



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**2015 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
PROCEDURES, RULES, EXPECTATIONS
& APPLICATION**

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THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY September 15, 2014.
THIS APPLICATION WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
FARM SHOW SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation will award cash scholarships to outstanding students who have participated in the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is a highly competitive, prestigious grant program and to be considered it is important that the applicant adhere to the specifications and requirements of all application procedures.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications must be typed, by the applicant, be completed in full, and be accompanied by the required documentation. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2014, for evaluation, rating and selection.

The completed applications should be sent to:

Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation 2300 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA 17110

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must be a current or previous member of 4-H and/or FFA. The applicant must have exhibited in at least one of the following shows/areas at the Pennsylvania Farm Show:

- *a junior market steer, lamb, hog or goat in 2004 or later*
- *a junior breeding meat goat, beef, or sheep in 2006 or later*
- *a junior dairy goat or dairy cattle in 2006 or later*
- *a farm product/family living project in 2009 or later*

Awards are based on Farm Show participation and volunteerism, academics, financial need, 4-H or FFA involvement and community service as determined from the application and letters of support. *Awards are based on merit and do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin or religious belief. Documented financial need is not required, but consideration will be given to those with documented need.*

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT/DOCUMENTATION:

The applicant must hold a high school diploma or the equivalent, and must be enrolled in a degree or certification program at a post-secondary educational institution (college, university, trade or technical school). Submitting a copy of the current semester tuition or tuition plus room and board bill will fulfill this requirement. *This criterion is to demonstrate that the applicant is both qualified and committed to attend an educational institution.*

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT:

Each applicant must submit an unofficial transcript from his/her post-secondary institution if he/she has completed one or more semesters.

ACTIVITIES:

Leadership potential and character of the applicant should be demonstrated through an applicant's responses to the categories of the application detailing 4-H & FFA, school, extracurricular and community activities, as well as achievements.

VOLUNTEER:

The Farm Show Scholarship Foundation places great value in volunteer activities. This is an opportunity to list volunteer activities and describe how those experiences have benefited you.

NARRATIVE:

A narrative will provide more information about him/herself. Portions of this information may be used in publications or press releases. Please provide the following information:

- (1) How your 4-H and/or FFA activities have benefited your education, personal development and community.
- (2) How you have benefited from exhibiting projects at the PA Farm Show.
- (3) How the applicant plans to use his/her education to contribute to the agriculture or society in general.
- (4) What are the applicant's goals and aspirations?
- (5) Any special circumstances which make it especially difficult to afford their education.

PHOTO:

Each applicant must furnish a recent quality photograph, no smaller than 2" x 3". Picture must be enclosed in an envelope with the applicant's name on the envelope, and the envelope **must** be attached to the application. Do not staple or tape the photo directly to the application. Do not send Polaroid or instant photos. Photo should be identified with applicant's name typed on a label affixed to photo or written on back in soft pencil. These photos will be used for press releases and will not be returned.

REFERENCES:

Each applicant must submit three letters of personal reference. References are preferred to be typed and should include the name, address, and daytime phone number of the person making the recommendation, as well as an indication of the person's relationship to the applicant (teacher, minister, employer, etc.) Family members may not serve as a reference for the applicant. References should indicate knowledge of applicant's character, determination to pursue a post-secondary education, and any other factors which will assist evaluation. One of these references must be the applicant's High School Agricultural Education Teacher or a County Extension Educator with whom the applicant has worked. References are to be placed in a plain white envelope and sealed. The individual writing the reference is to sign across the seal. The applicant's name **must** be written on the front of the envelope. The applicant must send the reference letters with his/her application.

DEADLINE: Application must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2014

EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

For the purpose of evaluation of applicants, the selection committees chosen by the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation will review all properly completed applications. **Incomplete applications will not be considered. If information in the application does not apply to you, do not leave an item blank, use N/A.**

An evaluation sheet will be used as part of the evaluation process for each application and scored individually on the basis of the criteria outlined in the Applicant Eligibility section. The recommendations of the scholarship evaluation committees will be referred to the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors for final approval.

NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS:

All applicants will receive a receipt confirming delivery of the PA Farm Show Scholarship application. Recipients of the scholarship award will receive written notification by the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Committee. The scholarship will be presented at the PA Farm Show Junior Livestock Sale on Jan 12, 2015, held in conjunction with the PA Farm Show.

***Recipients are expected to be present at the Farm Show to receive their award.*

PAYMENT OF STIPEND:

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the recipient at the Farm Show Sale of Champions. *The recipient must comply with all scholarship policies of the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation.*

**** A student may receive the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation award one time only. ** Application materials will not be returned and become the property PA FS Scholarship Foundation. ** Applicants who do not receive a scholarship are encouraged to apply in subsequent years.**

CONTACTS FOR FARM SHOW VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: (Contact Deadline: December 1, 2014)

ACTIVITIES IN A LIVESTOCK AREA

Check-In/Weigh-In - Species Chairpersons:

Swine: Robb Meinen - (814) 360-4243, rjm134@psu.edu
Steers: Walt Bumgarner – (724) 438-0111, wob10@psu.edu
Sheep: Ron Miller - (610) 488-9726, ronmiller@pa.gov and Cindie Searight – (724) 774-3003, csearight@psu.edu
Goats: Linda Spahr - (717) 840-7408, lspahr@psu.edu
General Livestock – Ben Williamson – (814) 877-4917, bcw13@psu.edu
Dairy Cattle Open & Youth: Gary Hennip – (570) 265-2896, glh11@psu.edu
Dairy Goat Open & Youth: Helen Snyder - (717) 979-6044, starfirenubians@pa.net
Open Sheep: Sandy Hopple – (717) 512-3879, Shopple6@gmail.com
Open Beef: Mike Firestine - (717) 274-6906, mfirestine@fultonbank.com
Open Meat Goat: Ron Zeigler - (717) 766-7583, rizeigler@centurylink.net
Open Swine: Rodger Bankert - (717) 632-4722, drbankert@embarqmail.com

Farm Show Livestock Office:

Heidi Crager - (717) 787-5373, hcrager@pa.gov
Jim Sharp - (717) 787-2905, jasharp@pa.gov

Hanging Stall Assignments / Feed Room Helper:

Jim Sharp - (717) 787-2905, jasharp@pa.gov

Buyers Lunch:

Fred Rudy - (717) 756-2215, hsefarm1@pa.net

Scholarship Awards Breakfast Set-Up:

Morgan Firestone – (717)787-5373, mfirestine@pa.gov

Program Sales/Information:

Dauphin County Extension (717) 921-8803, DauphinExt@psu.edu

Farm Show Milk House:

David Smith - (717) 838-3283, guerndrs@msn.com

Pig/People Control / Small Arena Clean-Up:

Jackie Simon - (215) 471-2228, jas59@psu.edu

Food Court/Food Court Annex:

Melissa Sankey - (717) 651-5920, msankey@pennag.com
David Smith - (717) 838-3283, guerndrs@verizon.net

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Service (PDPPS) Booth:

Donna Werley - (610) 562-2070, dwerley57@comcast.net

Farm Show Educational Activities:

Morgan Firestine - (717) 783-5373, mfirestine@pa.gov

ACTIVITIES IN A FAMILY LIVING OR FARM PRODUCTS AREA

Farm Product & Family Living (Non-Livestock):

Beverly Gruber - (610) 767-5026, b.gruber@rcn.com
Gerri Moore - (330) 853-7254, gerrimoore827@yahoo.com

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2015 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICATION:

- References (3) obtained and enclosed
- Unofficial Transcript obtained and enclosed
- School information completed
- Family information completed
- Photo in envelope attached to application. Applicants name written on envelope and picture

DOCUMENTATION OF TUITION PAYMENT:

Copy of tuition payment receipt attached

Note: The applicant's reference letters and photo must accompany the application. No exceptions are permitted.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2015 APPLICATION

ABOUT THE APPLICANT:

Full Name of Applicant:

Name you prefer to be called:

Male

Female

Date of Birth

Age:

HOME ADDRESS:

Street Address:

City:

Zip Code:

County:

Home Phone:

Current E-Mail address:

Family Information:

Father's/Guardian's Name:

Daytime phone number:

Mother's/Guardian's Name:

Daytime phone number:

HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER:

Local Newspaper Name(s):

Address:

B. 4-H AND FFA OFFICES AND LEADERSHIP ROLES, COMPETITIONS, HONORS, AND AWARDS (ONLY): 2004-2014

Offices Held and Leadership Roles (one per line):	Years (YY-YY)	Total Years:

Individual Competitions (one per line):	Years (YY-YY)	Total Years:

Team Competitions (one per line):	Years (YY-YY)	Total Years:

Honors and Awards (one per line):	Years (YY-YY)	Total Years:

Other Volunteering, Fundraising, etc. (one per line):	Years (YY-YY)	Total Years:

FARMSHOW INVOLVEMENT:

Please indicate the years that you have shown at the PA Farm Show as a 4-H or FFA member and indicate the species/project exhibited by placing a check in the appropriate boxes.

A. JR. MKT ANIMALS: *** ROG = Rate of Gain MS = Master Showman

Calendar Year	Mkt Steer/MS			Mkt Lamb/ROG/MS			Mkt Swine/ROG/MS			Mkt Goat/MS			Junior Shepherd's Contest	
2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2014	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. JR. BREEDING ANIMALS/JR. DAIRY ANIMALS

Year	Jr. Beef Breeding/MS		Jr. Sheep Breeding/MS		Jr. Breeding Goat/MS		Youth Dairy Cattle	Dairy Cattle Showmanship	Dairy Goat Showmanship
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2014	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. FARM PRODUCTS/FAMILY LIVING:

Year	Clothing & Textiles	Photography	Foods-Baking & Canning	Stage Demo	Crafts	Corn & Grains	4-H Opportunities
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2014	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Year	*Special Contests	Vegetables & Potatoes	Fruits & Nuts	Apiary & Maple	Christmas Trees	Hay & Straw	Horticulture
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2014	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please identify the special contest indicated above:

FARM SHOW VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

A. Activities in a Livestock Area, Family Living Area or Farm Product Area

Please list designated volunteer activities in which you have participated. (Reference Page #5)

	Activity	Total Years
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Please describe your volunteer experiences at the Farm Show, including the hours you invested, and how these experiences have benefited you.

FARM SHOW NARRATIVE:

See Above:

Bio Template

Please complete the following information. In the event that you are selected as a scholarship recipient, this information will be used to introduce you at the Farm Show, and to create a press release that will be sent to your local paper.

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Age on January 1, 2015: _____

Parent's Name(s) and City Address(s):

High School Name: _____

Graduation Date: _____

I attend/will attend (circle one) the following

University: _____

I am studying/plan to study (circle one) the following

major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Year: _____

My future career goals include: _____

4-H Club(s) of which you are a member and any leadership roles you held:

FFA Chapter of which you are a member and any leadership roles you held:

How many years have you exhibited at the Farm Show? _____

Farm Show competitions in which you have participated: _____

Current High School or Collegiate activities in which you participate and any leadership roles you hold:

Current Community activities or Volunteer programs in which you participate:

Please list any special accomplishments or awards: _____

In support of my application for a Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation scholarship, I the undersigned, attest that the information submitted in the application is complete and accurate. I affirm that I have personally completed this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

I further attest that I am a student in good standing with the academic institution disclosed in my application, that I have not committed any acts or failed to do anything that would affect my good standing status and no charges or actions by this institution have been initiated or are pending against me by this institution.

If selected to receive a PA Farm Show Scholarship, I understand I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation program, use the scholarship to further my post-secondary education and to abide by the policies governing the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation.

Disclaimer:

Applicants grant the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation and authorized Foundation contributor's permission to use their names, information and likeness in connection with scholarship publicity and media releases.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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