

**New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs
and
New York State Show People's Association**

General Information Sheet for Member Fairs and NYSSA

Purpose

To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs or the NYSSA and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing higher education.

Awards

Up to ten (10) \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded for 2024. Plus one \$500 scholarship from the Fair Mangers Association and one \$500 scholarship from the NYS ShowPeoples Association

Eligibility

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

Application

Applications **must** be completed from the NYSAAF website, <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm>, completed by the student. Once the application is received, the students must complete the signature form. Contact information must include a cell phone number. Handwritten applications will **not** be considered. Students should be sure to contact their local fairs in advance to confirm membership in our organization and office hours. A complete list of our members can be found on our website.

Selection Process

A selection committee will determine the scholarship recipients.

Deadlines for applications are as follows:

Student to Scholarship Coordinator	2 nd Friday in April
Scholarship Coordinator to District Director by	1st Friday in May
District Director to Scholarship Coordinator by	2nd Friday in May
Scholarship Coordinator to Scholarship Committee by	3rd Friday in May

Selection Committee

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be comprised of the immediate past president, the second vice president and the Scholarship Coordinator and two members selected by the President at the annual convention of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. The two selected members shall be from different districts within the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, each serving a two-year term (one new member selected each year).

Committee Responsibilities

Selection Committee members will each be provided copies of all application documents. They will rate each applicant and forward their ratings to the Scholarship Coordinator on the forms provided. The Scholarship Coordinator will total all ballots and provide each member a copy of the individual and total results. Recipients will be determined by the highest totals. The decision of the Scholarship Committee will be final.

Scholarship Coordinator Responsibilities

The Scholarship Coordinator will provide each committee member with a Score Sheet for the tabulation then transmit copies of all applications, secure the individual rankings and provide each member a copy of the combined rankings. The Scholarship Coordinator will advise the nominating fair and the appropriate District Director of a winning applicant. The Scholarship Coordinator will request checks from the Association Treasurer payable to the recipient and have checks forwarded to the respective individuals after their proof of completion of the Fall semester has been received.

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Selection Schedule

1. Application link will be available for all member fairs at the conclusion of the annual January convention.
2. Applicants must complete their application forms from the NYSAAF website, <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm>. Deadline for submission is the 2nd Friday in April.
3. District Directors will receive the applications by the 1st Friday in May from the scholarship coordinator. The District Directors, along with NYSSA, will select 3 applications and send them to the Scholarship Coordinator during the period prior to the second Friday in May.
4. The Scholarship Committee will make its selections between the third Friday in May and second Friday in June and advise the nominating fairs prior to July 1, 2025.
5. Scholarship award letters will be emailed to the nominating fairs/NYSSA to allow presentations to be made during the annual fair or event.
6. Scholarship checks will be mailed to the scholarship award winners in the 2nd semester. Checks will not be mailed until a transcript of the 1st semester has been received by the Scholarship Coordinator.
7. **Biographies:** Each scholarship winner will be asked to submit to the NYSAAF Scholarship Coordinator a brief bio and photo by the second Friday in September. These will appear in the NYSAAF newsletter and in presentations at the January Convention.