

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

**General Information Sheet  
For School/College Guidance Counselors**

**Purpose**

To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs or outdoor amusement business and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree.

**Awards**

Up to ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships may be awarded in 2021. Plus one \$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. Additional information and applications are available at [www.nyfairs.org](http://www.nyfairs.org).

**Application**

Applications **must** be downloaded from the NYSAAF website, [www.nyfairs.org](http://www.nyfairs.org) (available in PDF format), completed by the student, printed out, signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian, and then submitted to one of the member fairs or to the NYSSA for endorsement. Handwritten applications will **not** be considered. Students should be sure to contact their local fair in advance to confirm membership in the NYSAAF and office hours. A complete list of NYSAAF members can be found on the website.

**Deadline**

Students must submit his/her application to a member fair no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in April.

**Selection Process**

A selection committee will determine this year's scholarship recipients. Students will be notified by their respective fairs or NYSSA if they are awarded a scholarship. Non-winners will also be notified by their District Directors..

**Payment of Scholarship**

The payment of the \$1,000 scholarship will be made upon successful completion of the recipient's Fall semester of college (first semester immediately following notice of award of scholarship). Recipients will be required to submit a copy of the appropriate semester transcript to the Scholarship Coordinator of the Scholarship Committee in order to receive the payment. The checks will be mailed directly to the recipients upon receipt of the college transcript. The acceptance form that was sent to the scholarship winners contains the guidelines and due dates for the student to follow..