

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

Instructions for County Fairs and NYSSA

Purpose

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

Awards

Up to ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded in 2021. Plus one \$500 award from the Fair Managers 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.

Instructions

Each county fair is responsible for contacting all public, parochial and private high schools, BOCES centers and colleges in your county, Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, 4H, or any other group that you feel should be aware of the scholarship availability.

Send a copy of the *Scholarship Application* and the *General Information Sheet for School/College Guidance Counselors* to each of the schools to explain the process.

Make sure the applicants know they **must** download the application form from our website, www.nyfairs.org. It is available in PDF format. Handwritten applications will **not** be accepted. Please request that cell phone number to be provided with contact information.

A list of high schools in your county is enclosed. Feel free to add schools to the list.

Each fair should complete, edit or modify the Sample Press Release and send it to the appropriate newspapers or media centers in your area.

Applications must be received by the member fair or NYSSA by the 2nd Friday in April. Each application must be signed by a fair or NYSSA officer and must contain a written endorsement from the fair or NYSSA stating that the applicant was an active participant in your fair or outdoor amusement business. The more information you provide in this area, the easier it will be for the Scholarship Committee to review the applications.

Selected applications must be sent to your District Director by the 3rd Friday in April.