

**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) \$1,500 scholarships may be awarded in 2025 plus one \$500 award from the Fair Manager's Association and one \$500 award 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. Additional information and applications are available at www.nyfairs.org.

Application

Applications must be downloaded from the NYSAAF website, 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 2nd 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 \$1,500 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..