

2024

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - LIVESTOCK-DAIRY



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ELIGIBILITY

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will award ten scholarships (two per specie) to **high school seniors and college students, and/or those seeking post-secondary education** (i.e. technical, vocational, junior college) for the current year. If two per specie cannot be met, then scholarships will come from an “at-large” category based on scores. Scholarships may be applied towards tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses. Payments will be made directly to the recipient and mailed directly to recipient. *Winners of the \$500 cash award will be announced at the Kentucky Youth Points Banquet on Saturday, October 5, 2024.*

To be eligible, applicants are encouraged to:

- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative **high school** GPA or a minimum 2.5 cumulative **college** GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- have participated in at least **two** state-sponsored district or preview shows within the past two years
- have participated in at least **one** Showmanship class at a state-sponsored district show or Kentucky Junior Livestock Expo within the past two years.
- have exhibited in at least **one** Kentucky Jr. Livestock Expo within the past two years
- have participated in at least **one** Kentucky Jr. Livestock Expo skill-a-thon, livestock judging, or dairy judging contest within the past two years.
- have participated in community services/volunteer work and extra-curricular activities.
- submit two letters of recommendation (Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture employees are prohibited)

Those not eligible are the children of:

- Kentucky Department of Agriculture Employees

RULES

- Recipient may enter any accredited college but must pursue a two-year minimum course of study.
- Recipient must enter college or post-secondary education within the first full year upon graduating high school.
- A transcript (high school or post-secondary education) is required with application submission.
- A recent photo of recipient
- **All application materials must be received by Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Completed applications and supporting materials can be emailed, mailed or hand-delivered** to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, in Frankfort, KY.
Mailing address: **Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Attn: Lashley Stith, 111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601**
Email address: **Lashley.Stith@ky.gov**
- The scholarship committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Shows & Fairs Division and will not be returned.

Please note:

Recipients of this scholarship can re-apply for the scholarship every other year.
Example- If received scholarship in 2022; you are eligible to apply again in 2024.

Show Participation

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone: _____ () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Parent's Names: _____

4-H Chapter: _____ OR FFA Chapter: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

College : _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Are you pursuing a four-year degree? YES NO Career Choice: _____

Level of Course Work (Check One):
Advanced Honors Basic Other

GPA** _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____ Class Rank/Class Size _____

Unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth. **Do not round off.

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Counselor: _____ Phone _____ () _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING

- A high school or college transcript
- Letters of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity. Two are required for points; one from a school official (e.g. teacher, counselor, principal) and one from a non-relative (KDA employees are prohibited)
 - An essay, in 500 words or less, answering the question:
“How has your involvement in the Livestock-Dairy Program impacted your life and plans for your future?”

Community Service/Volunteer Work Participation

<i>List Community Service and/or Volunteer Work (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Community Service/Volunteer Work</i>

Extracurricular Activity Participation

<i>List Extracurricular Activities (list at least 2 for maximum points)</i>	<i>Year(s) Participated</i>	<i>Description of Extracurricular Activity, Awards/Honors received, positions held, etc.</i>

SCORING GUIDE

Note: 100 POINTS POSSIBLE

Item	Points Possible	
Essay	<u>40</u>	
• Content	20	
• Grammar	10	
• Spelling	10	
Participation in KDA events	<u>25</u>	
• Kentucky Jr. Livestock Expos	5	
• Showmanship (District, Preview or Expo)	5	
• Judging Contest (Dairy or Livestock)	5	
• Skill-A-Thon	5	
• District/Preview Show Participation	2.5 (x2)	
Community Service/Volunteer Work	<u>5</u>	
• Two opportunities	2.5 (x2)	
Extracurricular Activities	<u>5</u>	
• Two activities	2.5 (x2)	
GPA	<u>10</u>	
• 4.0	10	
• 3.8-3.9	9	
• 3.6-3.7	8	
• 3.4-3.5	7	
• 3.2-3.3	6	
• 3.0-3.1	4	
• <2.9	2	
Letters of Recommendation	<u>10</u>	
• Source of letter	2.5 (x2)	
• Content of letter	2.5 (x2)	
ACT/SAT Score	<u>5</u>	
SAT		
ACT		
• 2040-2400	32-36	5
• 1920-2039	27-31	4
• 1800-1919	22-26	3
• 1680-1799	18-21	2
• <1680	<17	1
Total	100 pts	