

2025

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 11, 2025.*

**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 Thursday, September 25, 2025. 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 2023; you are eligible to apply again in 2025.*

## Show Participation

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    *First*                                    *Middle*                                    *Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  *Street Address*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_      E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    *City*                                    *State*                                    *Zip Code*

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
<b>Essay</b>	<u>40</u>
• Content	20
• Grammar	10
• Spelling	10
<b>Participation in KDA events</b>	<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)
<b>Community Service/Volunteer Work</b>	<u>5</u>
• Two opportunities	2.5 (x2)
<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	<u>5</u>
• Two activities	2.5 (x2)
<b>GPA</b>	<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
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	<u>10</u>
• Source of letter	2.5 (x2)
• Content of letter	2.5 (x2)
<b>ACT/SAT Score</b>	<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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 pts</b>