

CLAY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

2021 GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Purpose:

To assist deserving high school graduates who wish to pursue higher education at any College or Technical Institution.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors, attending Clay County High School or Registered Home School meeting the following criteria:

1. **Must** be a resident of Clay County or attend a Clay County High School or Registered Home School.
2. **Must** be associated with and in good standing with one of the following Clay County groups: 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or Clay County Sheriff's Explorers.
3. Attendance – No more than five unexcused absences per year.
4. Must be free from disciplinary action both in school and community.
5. Academically, must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in high school.
6. Must volunteer ten (10) hours of community service with the Clay County Fair during April 1st – April 11, 2021. **All community service hours this year will be completed at the front gate and each scholarship winner must check in at the Fair Office each day before completing their community service hours.**

If you are unable to complete the hours during the fair you will need to contact the Fair Office (904-284-1615) by June 1, 2021. All hours must be completed by Friday, July 16, 2021. If your hours are not completed by this date, your scholarship will be forfeited. "NO EXCEPTIONS"

7. Must attend the college or technical institution to which the scholarship has been granted.
8. Students must submit a completed application. **PARTIALLY FILLED OUT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED** (This includes all pages, signatures, and attachments). **"NO EXCEPTIONS"**

Selection:

Selection will be based on the following:

- Application
- Academic Standing
- Essay
- Extracurricular Activity Involvement
- Financial Need
- Community Service

Awards:

The scholarships are awarded to the applicants with the top scores of the Scholarship Committee within the allocated amount for each budget year.

Terms:

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the College or Technical Institution chosen by the student. The student will be responsible for the remaining tuition difference. **Acceptance letter from the College must be received by September 15, 2021, before any funds are disbursed.** The Fair Office Manager will verify enrollment. **If your college letter is not received in the fair office by September 15, 2021, your scholarship will be forfeited. "NO EXCEPTIONS"**

The scholarship may not be transferred to another college. If the student elects to attend a different college, all scholarship funds are forfeited.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING

1. Attach a **sealed copy** of your high school transcript including SAT or ACT scores.
2. Attach a total of three (3) letters of recommendation, including one from each category below:
 - a. A school official: teacher, guidance counselor, college career coach or other related.
 - b. Community Organization: church, volunteer program, etc.
 - c. Other: employer, athletic coach, etc.

Letters cannot be from any family member or guardianship.

3. Students who are awarded a scholarship, will be required to submit photos for marketing purposes.
4. Attach a brief essay, not less than 300 words, not to exceed 600 words. The essay must include the applicant's name on each page.

Choose one of the following topics for your essay:

- a. How my involvement in the fair has influenced my life.
 - b. Who has had the most influence on my life, and why?
 - c. A challenge I have overcome in my life
5. Complete the application **in full** and attach essay.
 6. Submit the completed application and attachments to:

**Clay County Fair Association, Inc.
2493 State Road 16 West (Log Cabin)
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**

The completed application must be in the office of the Clay County Fair Association by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 18, 2020. Applications will not be accepted after this date. **“NO EXCEPTIONS”**

7. **All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final!**

Check List:

(Use checklist to verify that your application is complete)

Your application will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified if any of the following items are missing:

- _____ Completed Application – all pages
- _____ Sealed High School Transcripts
- _____ Essay Written by the Applicant
- _____ Three (3) Letters of Recommendations