## **Fort Bend County Fair Association**



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# 2021 Scholarship Rules 1st Year Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the Fort Bend County Fair Association (FBCFA) Scholarship program. Scholarship recipient selections are based on Fair involvement, community involvement, and academic achievement. The applicant must have participated in Livestock, Art, Rodeo, FCCLA, Ag Mechanics or a Volunteer of the Fort Bend County Fair.

All supportive scholarship information can be mailed or hand delivered to the Fair Office. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Fair Office has received all required documents. \*\*If mailing, certified mail recommended. \*\*

#### \*\*CERTIFIED MAIL\*\*

Fort Bend County Fair Association P.O. Box 428, Rosenberg, TX 77471 Scholarship Application must be postmarked by Monday, January 25, 2021

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## \*\*HAND DELIVERY\*\*

Fort Bend County Fair, 4310 HWY 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM
Hand delivered applications must be received in the Fair Office
no later than Thursday, January 28, 2021 by 4 P.M.

- 1. The Fort Bend County Fair Association will award \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating spring 2021 and to 2<sup>nd</sup> year applicants who received and completed a 2020 scholarship. Scholarship applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Fort Bend County or home address zoned to a Fort Bend County school. Students enrolled in a recognized Fort Bend County private, public or home-schooled program may apply.
- 2. Applicant must be a high school senior and graduate the spring semester of their senior year. Applicant, other than Vocational, must plan to attend a recognized Texas college/university or a United States Military Academy.
- 3. Scholarship applicants failing to follow instructions/guidelines will result in disqualification.
- 4. **Disbursement of scholarship funds**: A \$2,000 payment will be mailed each semester directly to the Texas college/university, Military Academy or Vocational School upon receipt of the following information by the Fair office:
  - *a.* All information must include student's legal name, number of course hours enrolled, official name of the Texas college/university, Vocational school, or Military Academy.
  - b. Student's enrollment schedule must include a minimum of 12 hours in each Fall and Spring semester. A 2.5 GPA must be maintained. *Mini and/or summer semesters do not qualify for scholarship payment.*
  - c. An **official** copy of applicant's transcript is required. Phone and/or computer "snap shots" of transcript will not be accepted.
  - d. Semester payment request may be submitted to the Fair Office by fax to 832-595-0808 or email to **mack@fbcfa.org**. (Disbursement Form will be emailed to scholarship recipients each semester.)
- 5. A Fair exhibitor disqualified from any FBCFA competition during grades 9-12 will be ineligible to apply for a Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship.

Semester scholarship payments of \$2,000 will be forfeited if recipient fails to comply with the above requirements or does not receive payments in *two (2) consecutive semesters* without approval from Fair Office. Payments are to begin the fall semester of 2021 following receipt of the scholarship. A recipient may request a deferment of payment in the form of a letter to the Fair Office. Any approved deferment will not exceed more than a *two (2) year period*. Any remaining scholarship funds not redeemed at the end of the scholarship award period will be forfeited.

6. Scholarship applicants will be notified by mail if they are recipients. Recipients are **expected** to attend the Scholarship Awards Reception. The Fair Office must be notified in writing, within 10 days of the Awards Reception, if the scholarship recipient is unable to attend. A parent or sibling **must** attend on recipient's behalf.

### 7. Scholarship application guidelines:

- a. Application pages should be printed one-sided only and unstapled.
- b. Include sealed official high-school transcript with "Official" stamp. May be mailed directly from the school to the Fair Office.
- d. Mark N/A (not applicable) for items that do not apply.
- e. Verification of FBCFA participation may be requested.
- f. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- 8. Narrative must be between 500 to 800 words, 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced with a one (1) inch margin.

In this section do not use identifying names. Failure to not follow the narrative guidelines will result in disqualification.

1st year Applicant's 2021 Narrative topic: "How has the Fort Bend County Fair Impacted my Life."

- 9. Scholarship Judge information:
  - a. A minimum of three (3) individuals not associated with the FBCFA or any of the leadership will serve as scholarship judges.
  - b. Judges will only receive qualified applications.
  - c. Judges' names and personal information will remain confidential.
  - d. Scholarship applications are judged on their own merit.
  - e. Judges' decisions are final.
- 10. Applicants/applications are subject to the 2021 Scholarship Rules and the Fort Bend County Fair Associations General Rules and Regulations.