



**Fort Bend County Fair Association**  
*Benefiting Youth | Promoting Agriculture | Supporting Education*

## 2020 Scholarship Rules

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 based on the scholarship category in which you are applying.

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. \*\****

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

**Fort Bend County Fair, 4310 HWY 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471**  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM; Friday 8 AM to NOON  
***Hand delivered applications must be received in the FBCFA Office  
no later than Friday, January 31, 2020 by NOON.***

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

**Fort Bend County Fair Association P.O. Box 428, Rosenberg, Texas 77471**  
***Scholarship Application must be postmarked by Friday, January 31, 2020***

1. The Fort Bend County Fair Association will award up to fifty (50) \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating spring 2020 and to 2<sup>nd</sup> year applicants who received and completed a 2019 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 281-342-0808 or email to **[mack@fbcfa.org](mailto:mack@fbcfa.org)**.

5. Applicant is to select only one (1) from the following scholarship categories:

**Restricted**

Restricted scholarship will be awarded to applicant who exhibited at the Fort Bend County Fair through 4-H, FFA or FCCLA. Restricted scholarship recipient is required to take an Agricultural or Home Economics related course to receive scholarship payments under this field of study. First semester transcript must reflect required coursework to receive second semester payment.

**Non-Restricted**

Non-restricted scholarship will be awarded to applicant who exhibited at the Fort Bend County Fair through 4-H, FFA or FCCLA. No restrictions apply to this field of study. First semester transcript must reflect required coursework to receive second semester payment.

**Open**

No restrictions apply to this field of study; however, special consideration will be given to applicant who participated in some manner in the Fort Bend County Fair during grades 9 - 12.

**Art**

Applicant must have exhibited / participated in one (1) FBCFA School Art Auction. No restrictions apply to this field of study.

**Vocational**

Recipient is not required to attend a Texas-based Vocational school. Vocational recipients must pursue a qualified certification from a recognized institution that prepares a student for semi-professional or technical employment. A course description for the certification must be presented with proof of registration. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have participated in some manner at the Fort Bend County Fair during grades 9 - 12.

6. A Fair exhibitor disqualified from any FBCFA competition during grades 9-12 will be ineligible to apply for a Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship.
7. 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 2020 following receipt of the scholarship. A recipient may request an exception in the form of a letter to the Fair Office before the scholarship expires. Any approved exception will not exceed a two (2) year period. Any remaining scholarship funds not redeemed at the end of the scholarship award period will be forfeited.
8. Each scholarship recipient will be notified by mail. Recipients are expected to attend the scholarship-awards reception. Fair office must be notified in writing, within 10 days, if the scholarship recipient is unable to attend. A parent or sibling may attend on recipient's behalf.
9. **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 school.
  - c. Include a copy of college entrance scores and SAT/ACT scores if not listed on official transcript.
  - 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.

*Application questions, please contact the Fair Office:  
Email: [mack@fbcfa.org](mailto:mack@fbcfa.org) or phone: 281-342-6171*

10. Narrative must be between 500 to 800 words, 14 – 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.*

First year Applicant's 2020 Narrative topic: ***“How has the Fort Bend County Fair Impacted my Life?”***

11. 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. Out-of-county scholarship judges receive only qualifying applications.
  - c. Judges' names and personal information will remain confidential.
  - d. Scholarship applications are judged on their own merit.
  - e. Judges decisions are final.
12. *Applicants/applications are subject to the 2020 Scholarship Rules and the Fort Bend County Fair Associations General Rules and Regulations.*

*Please direct all scholarship questions to [mack@fbcfa.org](mailto:mack@fbcfa.org) or by phone at 281-342-6171.*