2019 Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition
Scholarship Application Instructions

Welcome to the 2019 WCYF Scholarship Program. Please read this information carefully and complete the attached application.

WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY FROM STUDENTS AND ENTRY DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. APPLICATIONS WIL BE PICKED UP FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE BY A WCYF REPRESENTATIVE.

CONDITIONS:

1. Candidates must live in or attend a high school in Wharton County.
2. Candidates must be seniors.
3. Home School students will be considered as High School Seniors as long as state requirements are met.
4. Field of study is not limited; however, the candidate must have plans of attending an accredited college, technical school or vocational school with a program leading to certification in an approved field of study.
5. ***Application must be properly submitted on official forms provided by the school counselor or obtained from the WCYF website. All applications must be turned into the school's counselor office by the deadline date of WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019. THERE SHOULD BE NO EXTRA PAGES ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION. Statements must fit in the space provided on the application. Any attachments to the application will be removed and will not be considered as part of the application. All blanks must be completed.***
6. Applications must include official transcripts and copies of SAT and ACT scores. If those are not available a PSAT score should be included. Class ranking is important information, and must be certified by school officials. The application covers general information about school, family, college plans, community service, and other Wharton County experiences. Please fill out the information as accurately as possible and attach the required material listed below to the completed application and copies.
7. You will be notified and assigned a time for an interview. IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE ASSIGNED TIME, YOU MAY CHANGE TIMES WITH SOMEONE IN YOUR SCHOOL. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AT THE INTERVIEW.

Judging will be based on **Application, Fair Involvement, School and Community Service, Academics, Need, Essay, Letter of Recommendation, and Personal Interview.** At the interview the committee will ask questions along these same lines. You will have a chance to speak directly about your future plans and the reasons you may need financial assistance through scholarships. The interview will be a final chance to impress the committee.

All scholarship applicants will be notified by mail prior to graduation if they have been granted an award. The scholarship committee can award up to 80% of the scholarship applications received. The amount of the award will be withheld from all recipients until a special Scholarship Ceremony and Banquet that will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. An invitation will be mailed to the Recipient and their parents/guardians.

The application must be submitted with an original and three copies to your high school counselor.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1) A completed WCYF Scholarship Application
2) One-page essay as to why you deserve a scholarship.
3) A letter of recommendation from your high school (administration/teachers)
4) An official copy of recent high school transcript. Transcript does not need to be in envelope. (ACT/SAT/PSAT scores may be a part of the transcript)
5) One copy of your SAT/ACT or PSAT score, if not visible on your transcript.

APPLICATION MUST BE TURNED INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE!

No Exceptions!

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE IS *WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019!*

2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & EXPOSITION

The 2019 Scholarship Application is the only acceptable official form that will be considered. All applications must be turned into the school counselor's office by the deadline date of **Wednesday, February 27, 2019**.

Date of Application_____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applicant Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Mailing Address: _____
(Street or Box #) (City, State and Zip Code)

Email Address: _____ Phone #:_____

3. Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

4. Father's Name: _____ Address: _____

Father's occupation & employer: _____

5. Mother's Name: _____ Address: _____

Mother's occupation & employer: _____

6. Number of dependent siblings at home? _____ At College? _____

7. Name of High School_____

8. High School GPA: _____ out of _____ example: 3.5 out of 4.0

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ Class Rank: _____

9. Name of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA organization you were involved in. _____

10. How many years have you participated in the Wharton County Youth Fair? Check all applicable years.
Must be above and beyond participation in Academic Rodeo

3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐

11. Did you participate in Academic Rodeo in high school? _____If so, how many years? _____

12. **Fair Activities**. In space below, list fair participation by projects and any awards or recognition received with each project. Also include any other activities (Jr. Fair Board, work days) you participated in during your high school career. (Freshman thru Senior Year)

Year(s)	Description of Project	Awards/Honors
Ex. Freshman	***Steer***	***Grand Champion, 1st Place Showmanship, Sale of Excellence***

13. **High School Activities.** In the space below, list activities and clubs/organizations participated in, offices held, and awards received in high school.

Year(s)	Activities, Organization/Club	Office, Honor or Recognition
Ex: Freshman	***National Honor Society***	***President***

14. **Community Activities.** In space below, list any other activities in which you participated, indicating any special recognition you might have received. For example, church activities or community service projects.

Year(s)	Organization	Description

15. **Work Experience.** In space below, list any jobs that you held during high school including position, years worked and a brief job description.

Year(s)	Organization	Description

16. College you plan to attend: _____ Have you been accepted? _____

17. Course of study you plan to pursue: _____

18. Career plans: _____

19. Have you received any scholarships? _____

20. Reasons why you would need financial assistance. _____

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21. Parent's names as you would like announced during banquet: _____

22. Certification

I hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct. I hereby give my permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes if selected as a winner. I also give my permission to release my academic record and submit them as part of this scholarship application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date**:** _____

I hereby certify that the information gathered and represented here is true and correct and I hereby give my permission to release my son/daughter's academic record to be submitted as a part of this scholarship application.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date**:** _____

Validation of scores and grades: _____
(school counselor signature)

Validation of FFA/FCCLA/4-H experiences: _____
(FFA, FCCLA or 4-H leader signature)

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

Check list √
Do you have the following items complete?

1. A WCYF Scholarship Application? ☐
2. A one-page essay as to why you deserve a WCYF scholarship? ☐
3. A letter of recommendation from your high school (administration/teachers)? ☐
4. An official copy of your recent high school transcript? ☐
The transcript does not need to be in an envelope. ACT/SAT/PSAT scores may be a part of the transcript.
5. One copy of your SAT/ACT or PSAT score, *if not visible on your transcript*? ☐

→**Staple all items together and turn into your high school counselor by Wednesday, February 27th**

Good Luck!