

KANE COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP

**P.O. BOX 467
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174
PHONE: 630-584-6926**

DEADLINE APRIL 1st

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ **DATE** _____
APPLICANT _____ **S.S. NUMBER** _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____

NAME OF 4-H CLUB YOU ARE CURRENTLY MEMBER OF _____

PARENT'S NAME(S) _____

PARENTS ADDRESS _____

PARENTS PHONE NUMBER _____

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The objective of the Kane County Fair scholarship program is to assist 4-H members pursuing higher education. There will be as many as three (3) scholarships awarded this summer.

The Kane County Fair scholarships will be in the amount of \$3000.00 each payable over 4 years, in installments of \$750.00. The scholarships are available to high school seniors who will graduate in this school year. You must also be a current member of 4-H and have exhibited at the Kane County Fair in at least one of the last two years.

Checks will be made payable to the college or university that the scholarship winner will be attending. For school years 2 through 4 the scholarship winner must prove that they are registered (in school) to receive funds for that year.

Each application for scholarship will be reviewed and judged by the Fair selection committee. The scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing higher education in any field.

The deadline for scholarship applications will be April 1. Any application that is mailed must be postmarked no later than April 1. The Fair scholarship application is available at the fair office, as well as, on our web page at www.kanecountyfair.com. Please call the fair office to verify receipt of your application at 630 584 6926. Scholarship winner(s) will be announced on April 30th. Please include a photo of yourself (for Publicity use only) along with your application. Please take the time to review the Kane County Fair policies.

If you have any questions please contact us at 630 584 6926. Ask for the Executive Manager, Chris Unger.

Sincerely,

**Larry Breon
President**

KANE COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

- 1. Scholarship funds provided will be paid directly to the school as a part of the tuition payment. Scholarships can be used for fall, spring or summer semester tuition during the school year immediately following the individual's selection as a scholarship winner. If the student does not use the scholarship within the year, the scholarship is forfeited; Additionally if the student does not continue their education for the full four years the remainder of the scholarship is forfeited.**
- 2. Kane County Fair Scholarship recipients must remain full time students carrying at least 12 hours.**
- 3. The selection committee will use a standardized grading scale, which incorporates a points system when evaluating scholarship applications. Scholarships will be awarded to students according to points scored, satisfying application criteria and need.**
- 4. The overall purpose of the Kane County Fair Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to high quality 4-H members who wish to continue their education by attending a college or university.**
- 5. To receive a scholarship you are required to be a current 4-H member who has exhibited at the Kane County Fair in at least one of the last two years and are graduating from high school this school year.**

SECTION 1: ACADEMIC INFORMATION (please enclose transcript of most recent academic year)

ALL STUDENTS

**HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDED** _____

GRADUATION DATE _____

WHAT WILL BE YOUR MAJOR AREA OF STUDY? _____

WHAT WAS YOUR HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A. ? _____

HIGH SCHOOL RANK _____ **# IN GRADUATING CLASS** _____

WHAT WAS YOUR COMPOSITE ACT/SAT SCORE? _____

SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

WHAT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC HONORS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

WHAT STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN HIGH SCHOOL HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN? _____

WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (NOT CONNECTED WITH HIGH SCHOOL) HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN (LIST ASSOCIATED HONORS AS WELL) _____

SECTION 3: ESSAY

PLEASE ATTACH A SINGLE PAGE TO EXPLAIN YOUR 4-H EXPERIENCE

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

SINCE FINANCIAL NEED AND STUDENT EFFORT ARE FACTORS IN SELECTING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE KANE COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CRITICAL TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS. THE INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL ONLY BE REVIEWED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ANSWER EACH QUESTION AS CONCISELY AS POSSIBLE.

HOW IS YOUR EDUCATION BEING FINANCED? _____

PARENTS OCCUPATION(S) _____

OTHER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEIR AGES _____

**WILL YOU WORK DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO SUPPORT YOUR
EDUCATION?** _____

WHERE? _____ **TYPE OF WORK?** _____

ESTIMATED EDUCATION COSTS?
PAID BY PARENTS

PAID BY SELF

DO YOU HAVE A SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION WAIVER?
YES _____ **NO** _____

IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

WHAT IS ITS VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP? _____

\$ RECEIVED OR ANTICIPATED IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND SOURCE(S)

A _____ **B** _____

C _____ **D** _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME?

MARITAL STATUS _____ **# OF DEPENDENTS** _____ **AND AGES**

APPROXIMATE AMOUNT IN APPLICANTS SAVINGS, CHECKING AND CASH?

NUMBER OF BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN COLLEGE? _____

SECTION 5: REFERENCES

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER OF REFERENCE(S) FROM A TEACHER (PREFER H.S. TEACHER IN YOUR EXPECTED MAJOR IN COLLEGE) GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, BUSINESS OWNER OR SOMEONE ELSE WHOSE REFERENCE WOULD HELP YOU GET THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

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STUDENTS SIGNATURE

DATE:

PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE:

PLEASE SUBMIT A PERSONAL PHOTO OF APPLICANT (HEAD & SHOULDER) FOR PRESS RELEASE ONLY.

SECTION 6: EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

THIS COULD INCLUDE PARENTS OCCUPATION, UNUSUAL FAMILY SITUATIONS, EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT, BROTHERS AND SISTERS / B & S IN COLLEGE, ETC.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE KANE COUNTY FAIR AT:

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SECTION 7: TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR ADMINISTRATOR

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW IN FULL SO THIS STUDENT'S APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

1. STUDENT'S NAME _____

2. INDICATE STUDENT'S RANK IN HIGH SCHOOL _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN CLASS _____

G. P. A. DURING HIGH SCHOOL _____

3. PLEASE MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS WHICH YOU FEEL WILL USEFUL IN THE SELECTION COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION.

4. PLEASE ATTACH TO THIS PAGE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADES.

DATED _____ **SIGNED** _____

POSITION _____

IF SUBMITTED SEPARATE FROM THE STUDENTS APPLICATION PLEASE SUBMIT TO:

**KANE COUNTY FAIR
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 467
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174**

APPLICATION EVALUATION GUIDELINES

Each applicant is evaluated on the basis of his or her application and references in the following areas. Each area is worth a total of 10 points. The highest possible score being 60 points.

- 1) **ACADEMICS**
- 2) **ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP**
- 3) **ESSAY**
- 4) **FINANCIAL NEED**
- 5) **REFERENCES**
- 6) **EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATION: ie This could include parent's occupation, unusual family situations, exceptional leadership involvement, etc.**

The highest rated student will receive the Kane County Fair Scholarship.

ACADEMICS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Grade point averages

3.0 to 3.3 (4.0 to 4.3)	1 point
3.4 to 3.6 (4.4 to 4.6)	2 points
3.7 to 4.0 (4.7 to 5.0)	3 points

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19 to 23	1 point
24 to 28	2 points
29 to 36	3 points

Class Rank

80 to 89 %	1 point
90 to 95 %	2 points
96 to 100%	3 points

Honors, Awards and Other Considerations **1 to 3 points**

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Involvement in 4-H activities	1 to 3 points
Involvement in non 4-H activities	1 to 3 points
Leadership Position in 4-H activities	1 to 3 points
Leadership Position in non 4-H activities	1 to 3 points

ESSAY ON 4-H EXPERIENCE

The range is provided so that judges have flexibility to reward those applicants who are more precise and articulate about their professional goals.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

100% financed by applicant with no parental or spousal assistance, scholarship, or financial aid (does not include borrowed funds) limited net worth and applicant working. 9 to 10 points.

Mostly financed by applicant. May have brothers or sisters in college. 6 to 9 points.

Parents or other financing 50% or more of college expenses. 4 to 6 points.

100% financed by parents or other. 0 to 5 points.

REFERENCES

Who is letter from?

How specific is the letter regarding the applicant?

Does the letter substantiate the application?

How strong is the letter's statement of recommendation?

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATION

Up to 10 points may be awarded for attributes or special circumstances not covered in the other areas. The following are suggested but are not meant to be limiting.

Parents Occupation

Unusual family situations

Individual Considerations

Exceptional Leadership involvement awards

BONUS POINTS

A method available to selection committee to adjust scores of applications looked at early in the process before a standard had been set. Maximum 5 points. Selection committee does not have to award bonus points.