

2024 MARTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Established 1985

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Martin County Fair Association, Inc. (MCFA) has provided scholarships for high school students of Martin County continuously, since 1985. The MCFA has helped many high school students of Martin County pursue their higher education goals following high school graduation.

SCHOLARSHIP LENGTH: All scholarships are for one year, submitted to the higher education institution for classes, books, and related supplies.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

Open to ALL high school seniors of Martin County, provided:

- The applicant must have participated in at least two previous Martin County Fairs. Participation could be through exhibits of schools, scouts, church exhibits, talent shows, police cadets, firefighter explorers, 4-H, FFA, Miss Martin County Fair Pageant, arts & crafts, volunteering, or other documented participation in the fair.
- The applicant must have been a Martin County resident for at least the two full years preceding the applicant's spring graduation.
- The applicant must submit a 300-word essay following one of three prompt choices:
 - How has your involvement with the Martin County Fair set you up for success in life?
 - What is your preferred career choice and why have you chosen it?
 - Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- The applicant must provide financial information as requested on the application form.
- Applicants must have a 2.0 grade point average or above.
- The applicant must provide a minimum 4 x 6 head shot photo.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

The Martin County Fair Scholarship Application Form must be filled out online at the Martin County Fair Website Scholarship page. No handwritten applications accepted. **ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All applications must be received by December 22, 2023, by 5:00pm.

SELECTION OF WINNERS:

The Scholarship Committee of the Martin County Fair Association, Inc. shall determine the winners of the scholarships. The decision of the committee is final.

Immediate family members of scholarship applicants may serve on the Scholarship Committee but must excuse themselves from meetings held to select scholarship recipients.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION:

The winners of the scholarships will be announced during the Miss Martin County Fair Pageant on January 19, 2024 at the Lyric Theater, Downtown Stuart.

Please plan on arriving just prior to the 7:00pm start time.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS:

To claim the scholarship award, proof on enrollment from the recipient's educational institution must be provided to the fair office via email at fairoffice@martincountyfair.com.

The scholarship must be claimed within one year of being awarded.

A letter of instruction will be presented to you with further details.

Number and Age of Sibling(s): _____

Father/ Guardian (Name in full): _____

Occupation & Employer: _____

Mother/ Guardian (Name in full): _____

Occupation & Employer: _____

My Career Objective is: _____

To date I have applied to the following schools for admission:

In which course of study do you plan to major in:

What high school do you attend? _____

Since _____ Prior to that I attended _____ high school.

Grade _____ What is your class ranking? _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

What is your class ranking? _____

How much have you saved for your college education? _____

Who will finance the remainder of your college education? _____

Explain your participation in previous Martin County Fairs:

If applicable, list present and previous EMPLOYERS and addresses:

List EXTRA-CURRICULAR high school activities:

List COMMUNITY- Wide activities:

Explain any AWARDS or HONORS you have received:

Explain any special circumstances that you might think is applicable to your application:

- Please write and upload a MINIMUM 300 WORDS essay.
Use a 12-point font size with double spaced lines.
- Choose one of the following writing prompts:
 1. *How has your involvement with the Martin County Fair set you up for success in life?*
 2. *What is your preferred career choice and why have you chosen it?*
 3. *Why do you deserve this scholarship?*
- Please attach your 4 x 6 headshot photo.