

• CALL FOR APPLICATIONS •

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Howard County Fair Association offers scholarships to qualified individuals to assist with their educational expenses. This year, up to six \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. The Fair Association hopes that the scholarship recipients will some day return to the Fair as volunteers.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be or have been a member of the Howard County 4-H/FFA program, and must have participated in the Howard County Fair.
2. Applicant should be directing their education toward agriculture, home economics, or a related field such as: plant or animal science, business, consumer affairs, child development, economics, biochemistry, microbiology, veterinary science, and trade schools.
3. Applicant must be at least a current junior in high school.
4. Previous winners cannot apply.
5. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university or trade school. If the winner is not currently enrolled in a college, university or trade school, the money will be held up to three (3) years, at which time it will revert to the Howard County Fair Association, Inc.
6. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Citizenship, leadership and achievement based on 4-H/FFA records (50%)

Fair involvement and leadership (30%)

Grades (15%)

Future plans (5%)

HOW TO APPLY

- A completed application form, current official sealed transcript of grades, and a head/shoulder photograph must be submitted. All application material will be returned.
- Applicants must attach a copy of their most recent 4-H Summary Form, 4-H Story, and their 4-H Resume or FFA Proficiency Records. If these records are out of date, they may be updated with an attachment. Applicants may also attach evidence of community or school recognition.
- Applications must be delivered to the Howard County Fair Office no later than 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 15, 2026--the last day of the Howard County Fair. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual Howard County Fair Stockholders' Dinner held in October.

For an application package or more information, visit the website at

<https://howardcountyfairmd.com>

**HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(can only be won once)

Full Name:	First	Middle	Last
Address		Telephone/cell	
		Age as of January 1, 2026	
		Date of Birth	

Current Year in School	High School	College	Trade School

School Presently Attending	Name of High School Attended		
Address		Address	
		Date of Graduation	

College, university, or trade schools attended beyond the high school level:			
Name of Institution	Dates of Attendance	Credits Earned/ Major	Scholastic Average

College, university, or trade schools attended beyond the high school level:			

Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Address		Address	
Name of Guardian		# of Brothers	
Address		# of Sisters	

Describe your Fair Involvement, any Fair leadership roles, and how this has influenced you.

4-H Club or FFA Chapter in which you were a member	Number of Years enrolled as a member.

Using illustrations from your 4-H/FFA project records, describe how your 4-H/FFA involvement has developed your citizenship and leadership skills. How has this influenced your personal development? Attach your 4-H Summary Form/Resume or FFA records to this application.

What are your career plans? What influenced your career choice? How will you reach your goals?

Describe why you are interested in this scholarship and how you plan to use it.

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.	
Date	Signature of Applicant

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH THIS APPLICATION	
1.	A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES
2.	4-H APPLICANTS MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THEIR MOST RECENT SUMMARY FORM, their CURRENT 4-H STORY, AND THEIR 4-H RESUME. OUTDATED RECORDS MAY BE UP-DATED WITH AN ATTACHMENT. 4-H Educator verification signature required.
3.	FFA APPLICANTS MUST ATTACH THEIR MOST RECENT FFA PROFICIENCY AWARD CERTIFICATES AND FFA ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECORDS. OUT OF DATE RECORDS MAY BE UPDATED WITH AN ATTACHMENT. FFA teacher verification signature required.
4.	A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE APPLICANT IS TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

Application due by 6 pm the last day of the Fair - August 15, 2026. Application needs to be turned in to the Howard County Fair Association. (Fair Office)

APPLICATION RECEIVED AT THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR OFFICE BY:	
SIGNATURE	DATE
TIME OF DAY (AM/PM)	

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