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2028 N.C. State Fair Youth" Livestock Scholarship Application Guidelines

Important Dates

January	Application Available
March 1, 2028	Application Deadline-Must be complete and postmarked by this date

Scholarship Types

\$2,000 <i>Up to 25 awarded</i>	2028 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarships
\$2,500 <i>Must meet all eligibility requirements</i>	Farm Credit Premier Scholarship

All youth who have exhibited a livestock animal at the N.C. State Fair are eligible to apply for this scholarship, regardless of breed, class or show placement. Showmen and previous showmen are encouraged to apply for scholarships each year they are enrolled at an institute of higher learning at a minimum of 9 course hours per semester, including community colleges and technical schools.

Winners will only be eligible to receive the scholarship a maximum of 4 times. Years prior to 2028 will count towards the 4 years.

Completed applications are due to the N.C. State Fair Office or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2028.
All scholarships are paid directly to the educational institution. Verification of enrollment is required prior to payment. Failure to submit requested enrollment information will result in forfeiture of scholarship for the current school year.

Selection Criteria

Selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by a 100-point system as outlined below:

- 50 points – N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock experience resume-see attached.
- 10 points – Academic Achievement (include copy of current transcript)
- 25 points – Typed essay (up to 500 words)- **Topic: Describe your career goals and how showing livestock has helped you toward that goal.**
- 15 points – General Resume: Other involvement including extracurricular activities, academic honors, other livestock activities, etc.

*****Two Letters of Recommendation in a sealed envelope**

*****Scholarship Committee has final decision on selection of recipients.**

Return Completed Application Packet To:

N.C. State Fair - Attn: Livestock Office – 1010 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1010
Must be postmarked by March 1, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Summer Senter at summer.senter@ncagr.gov or Neil Bowman at neil.bowman@ncagr.gov

2026 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Application

Please complete all information and attach to the front of the required materials. (no two-sided copies)
Incomplete packets may not be considered for 2026 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarships.

Applicant's Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Email (checked regularly) _____

Parent/Guardians Name(s) _____

Are your parents or grandparents members of a Farm Credit Association? _____

If yes, circle which one they are members of AgSouth AgCarolina

Please provide the name of the member: _____

High School _____ Home County _____

Student Status as of 3/1/26 (ex. high school senior) _____

College/School you will be enrolled Fall 2026/Spring 2027 _____

College/School Location _____ College Major/Program _____

Supporting Materials (required):

1. Resume of N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Experience (see next page);
2. Copy of current transcript;
3. Essay on topic listed above (up to 500 words)
4. Resume of extracurricular and academic activities and honors (less than two pages, 12-point font)
5. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.

Signatures:

By signing below, I verify that the information included in this application is factual.

Student

Parent/Guardian

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N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Experience Resume

(Complete the appropriate blanks ONLY for the NC State Fair Junior Shows)

Species	Total Number of Years Exhibiting at N.C. State Fair	List Years
<i>Example</i>	4	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Junior Beef Heifer		
Market Steers		
Beef Cattle Showmanship		
Junior Dairy Heifer		
Dairy Cattle Showmanship		
Junior Market Barrows		
Junior Gilts		
Swine Showmanship		
Meat Goat Wethers		
Junior Meat Goat Does		
Meat Goat Showmanship		
Junior Dairy Goats		
Dairy Goat Showmanship		
Pygmy Goat Showmanship		
Market Lambs		
Junior Meat Breeds Ewes		
Meat Sheep Showmanship		
Junior Wool Sheep		
Wool Sheep Showmanship		
Market Turkey		