The Minnesota State Fair Scholarship and The Christensen Family Scholarship

Up to 21 scholarships of $1,000 each will be made available to young adults from greater Minnesota or enrolled in an agriculture program in 2019-2020. A qualified committee will review applications and select the recipients. Scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone of their award by Aug. 17, 2020.

Announcement of the recipients will be made:

- Friday, Aug. 28 at the 4-H Beef Championship held in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum, and
- Monday, Sept. 7 at the FFA Awards Program held in Compeer Arena.

Requirements for Consideration

- Application must indicate anticipated participation in the current year's Minnesota State Fair.
- Rural residency or enrollment in an agriculture program required.
- Must be a resident of Minnesota
- Applicant must be a high school graduate as of the current year’s fair.
- Applicant must be attending or planning to attend a post-secondary school in the current year. No restrictions as to course of study or choice of school.
- Incomplete applications or applications without a transcript will not be considered.
- Completed applications and transcripts must be received on or before 4:30 p.m. Aug. 3, 2020.
- Previous Minnesota State Fair Scholarship recipients are ineligible to enter.
- **NEW!** Christensen Family Scholarship recipient must be willing to travel to Christensen Family headquarters in Sleepy Eye, Minn. at expense of Christensen Farms.

Judging Guidelines

The State Fair representative will initially review the applications to ensure applicants meet minimum requirements. Copies of the applications will be sent to each committee member.

- Applications will be ranked by each committee member in priority order. Individual rankings of each member will be combined to arrive at a consensus as to the top candidates and resultant number of recipients.
- Each of the five (5) application criteria will be given 20% consideration for a total possible score of 100.
- The State Fair representative will vote only in case of ties.
Submission Requirements

• Applications must be completed using the online scholarship application at https://goo.gl/UmuA2m.
• Incomplete applications will not be considered.
• Applications or transcripts received after the deadline will not be considered.
• Do not submit multiple applications.
• No application materials will be returned.
• If you would like confirmation that your transcript was received, we suggest you send your transcript via certified mail, or some other delivery service.

Submit transcript via email at competition@mnstatefair.org -or- mail to:

Minnesota State Fair Scholarship Program
Minnesota State Fair
1265 Snelling Ave. N. • St. Paul, MN  55108-3003

If you have questions regarding this program or application, please contact the Competition Department at  651-288-4417 or competition@mnstatefair.org.

Scholarship Recipients

• Recipients will be notified by telephone of award between by Aug. 17, 2020.

• Payment will be made when proof of paid tuition (paid tuition includes grants, scholarships, or cash payments) is made to the Minnesota State Fair; do not send transcript or class schedule.

• Recipients must claim their scholarship before the first day of next year’s fair, Aug. 26, 2021; payment will be made to applicant and sent to address listed on the application.

• Minnesota State Fair Scholarship recipients must also write a thank you to Minnesota Executive Vice President, Jerry Hammer, and Minnesota State Fair Board Members. Addresses will be provided after the fair.

• The Christensen Family Scholarship recipient must write a thank you to the Christensen Family and mail it to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Please keep this page for your reference.

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2020 Minnesota State Fair Scholarship Application

Name__________________________________________________________
Address__________________________________________________________________________
City/State _________________________________ Zip Code _____________________________
Phone _________________________________ Email______________________________________
Date of Birth __________ Highschool and Year Graduated ____________________________
Post Secondary School and Major ________________________________________________
Post Secondary School and Major ________________________________________________
Please check this box if you would like to be considered for the Christensen Scholarship ☐

1. a. Past involvement at Minnesota State Fair (years, programs, awards) __________________________
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1. b. Anticipated participation at the 2020 Minnesota State Fair ____________________________
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2. Scholastic Achievement (GPA, Honors, etc.). Enclose most recent transcript. ______________
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3. Leadership (Associations and offices held, projects directed, athletics, etc.). ______________
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4. Community Service (Volunteer work, etc.). ______________
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3. Future Goals. ______________
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