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## 2025 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Application Guidelines

### Important Dates

<b>January</b>	<b>Application Available</b>
<b>March 1, 2025</b>	<b>Application Deadline-Must be complete and postmarked by this date</b>

### Scholarship Types

<b>\$2,000</b> <i>Up to 25 awarded</i>	<b>2025 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarships</b>
<b>\$2,500</b> <i>Must meet all eligibility requirements</i>	<b>Farm Credit Premier Scholarship</b>

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 2025 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, 2025.** 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 forfeit 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: Explain how showing livestock has taught you skills that will be an asset as an employee in a future career.**
- 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, 2025. If you have questions, please contact Neil Bowman at [neil.bowman@ncagr.gov](mailto:neil.bowman@ncagr.gov)*

**2025 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 2025 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 3/1/25 (ex. high school senior) \_\_\_\_\_

College/School you will be enrolled Fall 2025/Spring 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

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)

<b>Species</b>	<b>Total Number of Years Exhibiting at N.C. State Fair</b>	<b>List Years</b>
<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		