

# Agricultural Excellence Scholarship Program



## INSTRUCTIONS

**Application Deadline: March 30, 2018**

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications may be downloaded and printed from our website: [idahofair.com](http://idahofair.com). Additionally; applications are furnished to County Extension Offices, FFA chapters, 4-H and FFA offices and local high school counselor offices. Applications are also available at Western Idaho Fair's Administration office.

Applications should be completed in full and must be typed or printed neatly in black or blue ink. **Please staple your application; do not place it in a folder, binder or a protective sheet cover.** All applications can be electronically returned via our website, hand delivered or mailed directly to:

[www.IdahoFair.com](http://www.IdahoFair.com)  
Expo Idaho (W.I.F.)  
Attn: 4-H - FFA Scholarship  
5610 Glenwood  
Boise, Idaho 83714

**Expo Idaho (W.I.F.) must receive applications, or they must be postmarked, no later than the deadline of March 30, 2018.**

### ACADEMIC STANDING

- The applicant must be a graduating High School senior who maintained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Applicant's scholastic average is to be reported on the application and verified on the submitted transcript.

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE/ ENROLLMENT

- The applicant must enroll in an Idaho accredited post-secondary institution majoring in an ag-related program. The applicant must indicate the school, choice of major and career planned.
- No application will be considered from a student who has not been accepted by a post-secondary Idaho institution.

### 4-H OR FFA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

- The applicant must have been a member in good standing of either the Idaho 4-H Association or FFA Association during the last fair.
- 2017 membership must be verified either by their 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Participation in the 2017 Western Idaho Fair
- ✓ 2017 membership in either 4-H or FFA
- ✓ Idaho college/university enrollment plans
- ✓ Major in an ag-related field
- ✓ Graduating high school senior
- ✓ Academic standing requirements
- ✓ College entrance examination

**Immediate family and/or members of the Fair Staff, Fair Board, Ada County Commissioners and Selection Committee are not eligible to participate.**

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

- No application will be accepted without test scores. The applicant must have taken either the SAT or ACT College entrance examination prior to submission of the application and furnish proof of a minimum college/university entrance score.
- Proof of the score may be a part of the official transcript or a copy of the official test results and should be included with the application. The information should reflect the date the test was taken.
- The highest test score will be used for evaluation; and scores from different test dates will not be combined.

## ACTIVITIES

Leadership potential and character of the applicant should be demonstrated through the applicant's responses to the categories of the application detailing school, extracurricular, and community activities and achievements.

## NARRATIVE

Each applicant must include a typed narrative (no more than two, 8 1/2" x 11" sheets), double-spaced. The applicant's name and address must be typed as a heading to the narrative in the upper right hand corner of page one.

The narrative may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- » Brief life story
- » The impact of participation in 4-H/FFA and other organizations on his/her growth and development as a young adult
- » Any information that he/she feels is pertinent to their ag-related career goals
- » Importance of a college education in meeting these goals

## REFERENCES

Each applicant may submit a maximum of three (3) letters of personal reference from persons who are well acquainted with the applicant.

References may either be typed or handwritten and should include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person making the recommendation, as well as an indication of the person's relationship to the applicant (teacher, minister, employer, relative, etc.). Please include these letters with the application. No letter should exceed two pages in length.

## EVALUATION PROCEDURE

For the purposes of evaluation of applicants, Expo Idaho Advisory Board has appointed a Scholarship Selection Committee to review all properly completed applications. The Scholarship Selection Committee will notify each scholarship recipient after final approval.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at Expo Idaho (W.I.F.)'s Junior Market Livestock Sale or during an Advisory Board Meeting.

## PAYMENT OF STIPEND

- It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to notify Expo Idaho (W.I.F.) with the following information:
  - » Address of the Financial Aid Office of the Idaho College or University
  - » Class Schedule
  - » Student ID number
- This notice must be given to the Fair a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each semester or as soon as possible.
- Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the Financial Aid Office at the rate of \$500.00 for the first semester enrolled and \$500.00 when the applicant enrolls for the second semester.