



SC Farm Bureau Federation Dairy Scholarship Information



ELIGIBILITY

Open to South Carolina youth residents only.

Applicant must be an exhibitor at the South Carolina State Fair Junior Dairy Show the year of application and compete in **SENIOR** showmanship.

Applicant must be a high school student in grade 10, 11, or 12, or presently enrolled in a college four-year program.

Applicant must not have passed his/her twentieth (20) birthday as of the date of the Junior Show.

Previous winners of the South Carolina State Fair Scholarship are not eligible.

Applicant must at some future date pursue a four-year degree or a recognized 4-year technical degree program.

TO APPLY

1. Your application will only be considered complete if it contains ALL of the following items:
 - Official SC Farm Bureau Federation scholarship entry form
 - Cover Letter and Resume
 - Three (3) Letters of Reference

2. Once you have compiled all the application materials you have two options for submission:
 - a. Online entry via the South Carolina State Fair's website
<https://www.scstatefair.org/competitions/livestock-scholarships/dairy-scholarship-application>

- b. Print and fill out the official entry form and mail the COMPLETE application to:

Tina Horn
Newberry County Extension Office
1860 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108

COMPLETE APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY AUGUST 24, 2018

- a.
 - b.
 3. Once your COMPLETE application is received, you will be sent the topic for the written essay.

CONTEST COMPONENTS

Cover Letter and Resume

- Must accompany the entry form. Your application will not be considered complete without these items.
- Guidelines and examples of a Cover Letter and Resume are included in this packet.
- Your cover letter should not be a narrative of your resume. Instead use this to introduce your personality to the judge. Describe who you are, what the dairy industry means to you, why you deserve this scholarship, and what you will do if awarded the scholarship.
- Your cover letter must not exceed one page in length with 1" margins!
- Your resume should list your accomplishments, experiences, and skills, including 4-H, FFA, breed association, and other related involvements. The resume must not exceed two pages in length with 1" margins; no pictures allowed.

Letters of Reference

- Must accompany the entry form. Your application will not be considered complete without these items.
- Applicant must submit three (3) letters of reference.
 - One from a principal or guidance counselor of applicant's high school
 - One from county agent or agriculture teacher
 - One can be from an individual of the applicant's choosing

Written Essay

- Essay topic will be sent to the applicant once a COMPLETE application is received.
- Must be typed with applicant's name, grade level, and county listed at the top.
- Do not exceed 2 pages in length with 1" margins, double spaced.
- Must be submitted, to the superintendent's office no later than noon on the Friday before the scholarship contest.

Dairy Judging Competition

- Applicants will place a class of four live dairy cows/heifers to test their skills in selection and evaluation of dairy cattle.
- Resources
 - Dairy Judging Workbook (Holstein Foundation, 2010)
<http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/education/workbooks.html>

Interview

- An interview will be with a selected committee.
- Interview attire is business casual.
 - Business casual is defined as: for women – a reasonable length skirt (not mini skirt) or full-length pants of a non-jeans material combined with a top or an informal dress; for men – a collared shirt {can be button-down or a polo}, trousers with a belt and shoes;

- Unacceptable for either gender – gym clothes, rumpled or ripped clothing, miniskirts, bare midriffs, flip-flops. – FFA official dress is acceptable.

Written Test

- No study materials, or communication devices will be allowed during the taking of the test. If you are found with any such material, you will be immediately disqualified from the contest.
- Test will be comprised of 25 questions.
- Test questions are formulated from the following resources:
 - Hoard’s Dairyman: Magazine (from the past year), website, youth quizzes
<http://www.hoards.com/>
 - Holstein Foundation dairy quiz bowl practice questions (most current year available)
<http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/youthprograms/dairybowl.html>
 - Gillispie, James R. *Modern Livestock and Poultry Production 8th edition* or most current edition. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, Inc. 2010.

SCORING

The scholarship will be awarded to the individual with the highest total score added together as follows:

Points Possible	Component
100	Interview
100	Cover Letter and Resume
100	Written Essay
50	Dairy Judging Competition
50	Written Test
400	Total Points Possible

TIE BREAKERS

In the event of a tie, the individual with the highest score in the following categories will be used, in the order listed, to determine the scholarship recipients:

1. Interview
2. Written Essay
3. Written Test

Scholarship Cover Letter Guidelines

Your cover letter should introduce you to the committee and reflect your personality, the examples

FORMAT

- No more than 1 page with 1" margins
- Must be typed; follow a standard business letter format
- No less than 11 point font size; font must be easily read
- Must contain complete personal information (name, address, phone, etc.)
- Must be included with the entry form
- Must contain, at least, the following sections as described below
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar must be correct

SENDERS ADDRESS

Type your address, only if it is not part of a letterhead.

CURRENT DATE

RECIPIENT ADDRESS: Be as specific as possible.

Example: Scholarship Committee
1234 Clemson Lane
Clemson, SC 29634

SALUTATION: Be as specific as possible.

Example: Dear Scholarship Committee,

PARAGRAPH 1: A brief introduction of yourself and your future goals.

Example: I am pleased to be considered as a candidate for the _____ Scholarship. I have enclosed my resume for your review. I have applied (or plan to apply) to _____ and _____. I plan to pursue a degree in _____ and someday _____.

PARAGRAPH 2: Describe what the dairy industry means to you, why you deserve this scholarship, and what you will do if awarded the scholarship

Example: I have been a part of the dairy industry for _____. During this time I have learned _____, developed _____, and/or worked to _____. If awarded this scholarship I would _____ because _____. My experiences have helped me develop strong organizational, interpersonal, and public speaking skills which will I will use to be successful in college and beyond.

PARAGRAPH 3: Provide a conclusion and your contact information.

Example: Thank you for taking the time to consider me as one of the candidates for the _____ Scholarship. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the information above. I look forward to representing the SC Dairy Industry with gusto at my future higher education institution.

SIGNATURE: Make sure you sign your letter. Use an original signature in cursive writing

Example: Sincerely,
Clemson Clover
Clemson Clover

below are just to give you an idea of what to write. Your letter should not be an exact copy of the examples but needs to follow the same outline.

Your Resume should be designed so that it highlights your overall achievements as well as specific accomplishments in academics, organizations and clubs, as well any work experience. Only those achievements that most closely relate to your objective, or are most meaningful to you, should be included.

FORMAT

No more than 2 pages with $\frac{3}{4}$ " margins

Must be typed

No less than 11 point font size; font must be easily read

Must contain identifying information (name and address). Matching letterhead with cover letter is best.

Must be included with the entry form

Must contain, at least, the following sections as described below

Spelling, punctuation and grammar must be correct

Only use initials or abbreviations if you specify their meaning upon first use

OBJECTIVE: (Your personal mission statement)

- State your future goal and/or reason for preparing resume
 - "To obtain a position, to obtain an education, to earn scholarships..."

SUMMARY

- Details your personal strengths and experiences related to the objective of the resume

EDUCATION

- Comprehensive list of education and related coursework

EXPERIENCE

- Summarize any jobs (paid or unpaid – includes objective related volunteer work)
- Explain all experience using action verbs
- List in reverse chronological order
- Don't forget to include starting date and ending date (if applicable).

ACTIVITIES

- Summarize relevant activities, positions and experience
- Summarize any other organizations, sports teams, church, or community activities

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- List any awards or accomplishments that the scholarship committee should know about.
- List title of award, date awarded, and criteria or why you received award (if applicable).

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OBJECTIVE

Utilize my experiences and hard work to earn scholarships to fund my education at _____ (institution) to pursue a ____ (degree) degree in _____ (intended major) so that I may _____ (future goals, plan for impacting community or the world, etc.)

SUMMARY

- Willing to put in the work necessary to be successful and make a difference.
- Strong problem solving, organizational, and communicative skills, paying attention to detail.
- Welcome new challenges, quickly learning new skills and procedures with excellent memory retention.

EDUCATION

HOMETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, Anytown, SC

May 2014

SC High School Diploma

College Preparatory Coursework GPA: 3.20/4.00

Editor-in-Chief; Messenger Student Newspaper, 2013 – current

Vice President; Student Government, 2013 – 2014

Photographer; Sentinel Yearbook, 2012 – 2013

WORK EXPERIENCE:

BELK, Anytown, SC

February 2014 – current

Sales Associate – Children’s Department

- Assist customers with purchases, sales, and transactions Process applications and transactions on customer accounts Stock and maintain inventory within department
- Design and create monthly displays within department

ACTIVITIES:

Green County 4-H

- 2014 National 4-H Conference Delegate
- 2008 – 2013 South Carolina 4-H Healthy Lifestyles project
- 2008 – 2013 South Carolina 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project

Anytown Soccer Club

- Captain, 2014
- Allstar Team, 2013

AWARDS/ACOMPLISHMENTS

- Principal’s List (2012, 2013, 2014)
 - Maintained at least a 3.5 GPA
- 2013 4-H Citizenship Award

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Participant Name: _____

County: _____ Grade Level: _____

Points Possible	Category	Judging Criteria	Points Awarded
COVER LETTER			
10	Introduction	Audience and purpose of the cover letter are strong and clear. Opening paragraph gives a brief introduction of the applicant, indicates the purpose of the letter and directs the reader to their resume (if not done elsewhere).	
20	Body of Letter	Cover letter describes the impact the dairy industry has had on the applicant, why they deserve this scholarship, and what they will do if awarded the scholarship.	
10	Conclusion	Cover letter has an appropriate closing including a statement thanking the reader, mentioning contact information, and referring to the resume (if not done elsewhere).	
5	Appearance & Organization	Content flows easily and makes sense. Clear sections with ample white space. Easily read, neat with no spelling or grammar errors. Consistent, and overall aesthetically pleasing. Do letter and resume appear to go together?	
5	Technical details	Followed directions. Followed outlines but did not just copy examples. No spelling or grammar errors.	
RESUME			
20	Objective & Summary	Audience and purpose of the resume are strong and clear. Wording is creative and attention getting. Explains why you are the best investment.	
15	Overall Resume Content	Items listed are relevant, each section includes required information (dates, locations, specific details).	
10	Appearance & Organization	Content flows easily and makes sense. Clear sections with ample white space. Easily read, neat with no spelling or grammar errors. Use of bullets, bolding, and underlines are effective but limited. Consistent, and overall aesthetically pleasing. Do letter and resume appear to go together?	



5	Technical details	Followed directions. Followed outlines but did not just copy examples. No spelling or grammar errors.	
100	Total Points Possible		Total Points Awarded

Participant Name: _____

County: _____ Grade Level: _____

Points Possible	Category	Judging Criteria	Points Awarded
40	Preparedness	Is comfortable with the interview process, appears prepared. Shows knowledge and prepared responses to questions.	
30	General Attitude	Shows interest in the scholarship process and is enthusiastic about the interview.	
10	First impression	Greetings and Introduction, proper handshake, on time, dressed appropriately.	
10	Presentation	Self-confidence, personality, and poise.	
10	Technical details	Voice, speech, grammar, vocabulary, enunciation, eye contact.	
100	Total Points Possible		Total Points Awarded

Participant Name: _____

County: _____ Grade Level: _____



Points Possible	Category	Judging Criteria	Points Awarded
35	Purpose	Essay stays on topic or answers the main question and provides supporting statements. Central idea is well developed.	
35	Originality	Engaging essay that keeps readers attention, creative solutions/answers/statements, avoids clichés and generic statements.	
20	Organization	Logical progression of ideas with a clear structure that enhances the central idea. Overall essay flow, stays on topic, has logical, easy to follow structure.	
10	Technical details	Punctuation, spelling, grammar, complete sentences, followed directions.	
100	Total Points Possible	Total Points Awarded	