



## SC Farm Bureau Federation Swine Scholarship Information



### ELIGIBILITY

Open to youth from South Carolina and states which have reciprocal show agreements with the South Carolina State Fair. Georgia and Florida are the current states with reciprocal show agreements with the South Carolina State Fair.

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

Applicant must be a high school student in grade 10, 11, or 12, or 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 program.

## **2018 Applications are due by August 24<sup>th</sup>**

### 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/swinescholarship>
  - b. Scan or print and fill out the official entry form and mail or email the COMPLETE application to:

Dr. Brian Bolt, [bolt@clermson.edu](mailto:bolt@clermson.edu)  
107E Barre Hall  
Clemson, SC 29634

### 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 swine 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

### **Record Keeping**

- Records will be scored based on completeness and accuracy as of the day of judging.
- Must be submitted, to the superintendent's office upon checking in to the barn on the Tuesday morning before the barrow show (or earlier). It will be returned to you prior to departing the State Fair.

### **Swine Judging Competition**

- Applicants will place a class of four live animals (market hogs) to test their skills in selection and evaluation of swine.
- Resources:
  - [University of Tennessee Swine Judging](#)
  - [Judging Swine and Oral Reasons 101](#)

### **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 35 questions for Seniors.

## **SCORING**

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

Points Possible	Component
100	Interview
50	Cover Letter and Resume
100	Record Keeping
100	Swine Judging Competition
50	Written Test
<b>400</b>	<b>Total Points Possible</b>

## **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. Record book
3. Written Test

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

#### **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 swine 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 swine 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 SSwine 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

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).

**Clemson Clover**  
987 Palmetto Road  
Anytown, SC 65432  
(111) 222-3333  
clover@my.isp

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## OBJECTIVE

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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.)

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## SUMMARY

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- 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.

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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## WORK EXPERIENCE:

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**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

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## ACTIVITIES:

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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

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## AWARDS/ACOMPLISHMENTS

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- 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
<b>COVER LETTER</b>			
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 swine 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.	
<b>RESUME</b>			
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:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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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	