



# Home Arts/ Agriculture Scholarship Application Form

It is the mission of The Michigan State Fair to promote and celebrate the positive achievements in Michigan Rural and Urban Agriculture, Business, and Industry. To fulfill that mission we annually recognize and celebrate those youth participating in Rural and Urban Agriculture development and this year will be awarding \$40,000 in scholarship dollars. We are able to award these dollars because of our amazing partners Michigan Foundation for Agriculture, ITC, The Detroit Shriners, The Kroger Company of Michigan, Guernsey Farms Dairy, and C.F. Burger Creamery.

## Who is eligible to compete for a Scholarship?

Home Arts and/or Agriculture exhibitors will compete for up to twelve (12) \$500 Scholarships. Eligible to exhibitors eight (8) years of age and no older than twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Open to Michigan Youth only.

An exhibitor is only eligible to win 1 scholarship per year at The Michigan State Fair, but may enter more than one division.

In addition, to awarding Gold Ribbons to winners at fairs in Michigan, which allows the youth to enter the Michigan State Fair for FREE.

ALL youth will be eligible to apply for the 2024 Michigan State Fair Scholarships. They can enter for free if they receive a gold ribbon or by paying entry fees for their classes. Entries are due August 1 (late entries until August 5 with late fees).

## School Transcripts will NOT be required.

### The Home Arts/Agriculture Scholarships will be based on 2 areas:

1. Placing will be done as follows (30%):

- Exhibit at a fair in Michigan, but not necessarily this year. Fairs that take place after the entry deadline for the Michigan State fair can still have youth enter if they exhibited in previous years. Applications for scholarships are due August 10, 2024. Exhibitors at later fairs have the option of entering and exhibiting at the 2024 Michigan State Fair (paying exhibitor fees). Gold Ribbon Exhibitors at fairs after August 10th will be eligible to enter and apply for free at the 2025 Michigan State Fair. Points will be counted on up to 6 projects in the Youth Home Arts/Agriculture departments.
- Exhibitors may enter more than 6 projects, but only the top 6 placings will count for points. (A youth may enter 10 projects and will be paid premiums regardless of scholarships earned).
- Exhibitors must designate if they are applying for the Home Arts or Agriculture Scholarship and make sure that they have enough projects to fulfil the requirements for their area. (Example: if an exhibitor enters 3 Home Arts classes and 3 Agriculture classes, they probably would not have enough points in either division to win a scholarship). Exhibitors may choose not to enter 6 projects, but will be at a disadvantage in the scoring of points. Entries in Departments 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, and 69 count for the Home Arts Scholarships. Entries in Department 66 count for the Agriculture Scholarship

2. Personal application that includes questions, and evidence of community involvement. 70%

\*\*\*All pieces of the application MUST be submitted together either here online or print this form and mail in a hard copy.\*\*\*

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Please attach all of the following with your application at the same time:

- A picture of yourself
- A picture of your project (minimum of 1 picture and maximum of 3 picture)

**Personal Information:**

Name: First & Last Name:

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Street Address:

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Town/State/Zip

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Email:

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County you exhibit at, and how many years you have been an exhibitor:

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Number of years exhibiting at the Michigan State Fair (including this year):

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Phone Number:

Social Security Number:

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Parent/Guardian Name: First & Last Name:

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Street Address: (only provide if different)

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Address Line 2:

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City:

State/Province/Region:

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Zip Code:

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Country:

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1. What is your major focus in school, listing awards, scholarships, and career goals? Where are you planning on continuing your education and why?
  2. List or describe your Community/School Involvement (include offices held).
  3. How has working on your Home Arts or Agriculture projects impacted your life?
  4. Who has been a motivator in your life? Explain how they have inspired you.

5. If we were to ask a co-worker or teacher what it's like to work with you, what would you hope they would tell us?

6. Are you a member in the Michigan State Fair Youth Council? If so, how have you been involved?

I certify that the above information is accurate.

Signature of Applicant:

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Date and phone number (if different from above)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18):

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Date and phone number (if different from above)

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