

**2017 PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- **A student may receive the Pennsylvania Livestock Association Scholarship award one time only.**
- **Application materials will not be returned and become the property of PLA Scholarship Committee.**
- **applicants who do not receive a scholarship are encouraged to apply in subsequent years.**
- **Each scholarship will have a value of at least \$1,000.**

Photo: Each applicant must furnish a recent photograph, no smaller than 2” x 3”. Picture should be enclosed in an envelope, and the envelope **must** be attached to the application. Do not staple or tape the photo directly to the application. Do not send Polaroid or instant photos. Photo should be identified with applicant’s name typed on a label affixed to photo or written on back in soft pencil. These photos will be used for press releases only and will not be sent to evaluators or returned to applicants.

References: Each applicant must submit three letters of personal reference. References may be either 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.) References should indicate knowledge of applicant’s character, determination to pursue a post-secondary education and any other factors, which will assist evaluation. One of these references must be a Vo-Ag Instructor, County Extension Educator, or 4-H Leader with whom the applicant has worked. References are to be placed in a plain white envelope and sealed. The individual writing the reference is to sign across the seal. The applicant’s name must be written on the front of the envelope. The applicant must send the reference letters with his/her application.

Documentation: Each applicant must verify that he/she is enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Submitting a copy of the current semester paid tuition, tuition plus room and board bill or acceptance letter will fulfill this requirement. The documentation must indicate that tuition has been paid and the amount paid.

Deadline: Application must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2017**. Do not add additional pages; prioritize so that activities, etc. fit in the space provided.

Evaluation Procedure: For the purpose of evaluation of applicants, **selection committees** chosen by PLA will review all properly completed applications. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications submitted without the appropriate materials will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted.

An evaluation sheet (p.11) will be used as part of the evaluation process for each application and scored individually on the basis of the criteria outlined in the eligibility section.

The recommendations of the scholarship evaluation committee will be referred to the PLA Scholarship Committee for final approval.

Notification of Recipients: Recipients of scholarship awards will be notified individually by the PLA Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be presented at the KILE Opening Ceremony held in conjunction with the KILE Show.

****Recipients are expected to be present at KILE to receive their award.**

Payment of Stipend: Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the recipient, at the KILE Opening Ceremony.

Disclaimer: The PLA scholarship is separate from, and not related to either the KILE Beef Scholarship or the PA Farm Show Scholarship.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR
PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

About the Applicant:

Full Name of Applicant _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

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Home Address:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Township _____

Primary Phone (____) _____ Current E-mail address _____

School Address:

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Local Newspaper(s) _____

Address: _____

Family Information:

Number of Brothers _____ Sisters _____

Father's/Guardian's Name _____

Daytime phone number (____) _____

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____

Daytime phone number (____) _____

Name _____

I. Academic Information:

Name of High School _____

Phone Number of High School _____ Date of graduation _____

Number in your graduation class _____ Your rank _____

Your scholastic average for high school _____ Grade scale _____

(If scholastic average is not a numerical percent (ex. 98.6%), it must be presented with the grade scale on which it is based – ex. 3.87 on a 4.0 scale.) Enclose transcript.

A. High School (Only) Activities, Honors, Awards:

In the spaces below, list any offices held, extracurricular activities or awards received in high school. Please place a check mark in each applicable grade box. **Do not include 4-H and FFA Activities, Honors, Awards.**

Grades

Activity, Honors, Awards:	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior

Name of Post Secondary Institution attending _____

Location of Institution _____

Degree or Certificate sought _____

What is your major or field of study? _____

What is your planned career? _____

Date beginning post-secondary education _____ Semesters completed? _____

College GPA** (if applicable) _____

Name _____

B. College (Only) Activities, Honors, Awards:

In the spaces below, list any membership in clubs, professional and/or social organizations, offices held, extra-curricular activities or awards received in college. Please place a check mark in the appropriate box.

Activity or Award:	Grades			
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior

II. Community Involvement: 2012-2016

A. Community Activities (Only).

In the space below, please outline any activities, leadership roles and committees in which you participated, and indicate any special recognition you may have received and the year. Limit activities to the space below.

Activity:	Years (YY-YY):	Total Years:

Name _____

III. KILE Junior Livestock Involvement:

Please indicate the years that you have shown at KILE in the Youth Division and indicate the species shown by placing a check in the appropriate boxes.

A. Market Animals:

Calendar Year	Steer	Market Lamb	Swine	Lead Line
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				
2016				

C. Breeding Animals:*

Year	Beef	Sheep
2012		
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		

*If the project was bred and owned, please indicate by placing an * next to your check mark

B. Equine Activities:

2012	
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	

D. Other KILE Activities:

YEAR

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Livestock Handler					
Information Booth at KILE					
Open Breeding Show Check-In (list species below)					
PLA Food Booth at KILE					
PLA Food Booth Farm Show					
Commodity Rep					

Please indicate other KILE activities in which you have participated, i.e., helping in a promotional booth, serving on committees, helping with information booths, helping during the show, awarding ribbons or trophies.

****Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in KILE activities and participation is heavily weighted.**

Contacts:

Livestock Handlers:

Swine – Harry Bachman 717-867-1809
 Beef – Tammy Weaver 717-721-3366
 Sheep – Ron Miller 610-488-9726
 Equine – Ken Sandoe 717-269-7050

Food Stands:

Lois Rankin 717-873-2790
 Martene Firestine 717-270-9232

Name _____

This space is provided for listing any additional information referring to Academic, High School, College, 4-H, FFA, Community Leadership and KILE Involvement. Please state this information clearly using only the space provided below. Activity:	Years (YY-YY):	Total Years:
Section IA:		
Section IB:		
Section IIA:		
Section IIB:		

Name _____

Narrative: Attach a single sheet; font not smaller than 10. "Showcase" yourself using the points under IV on the evaluation sheet

Personal References: It is the applicants responsibility to obtain and submit three references with their completed application.

References may be either 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.).

One of these references must be from a FFA Advisor, County Extension Educator or 4-H Leader with whom the applicant has worked.

References should indicate knowledge of applicant's character, determination to pursue a college education and any other factors, which will assist evaluation.

References are to be placed in an envelope and sealed. The individual PROVIDING the reference must sign across the seal. The applicant's name must be written on the front of the envelope. The applicant MUST submit the references with his/her application.

List of References:

Name	Title	Daytime Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Completed applications and other materials are to be sent to:

Pennsylvania Livestock Association
Michael Firestine
4520 Conrad Weiser Pkwy
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

Name _____

In support of my application for a Pennsylvania Livestock Association Scholarship, I the undersigned, attest that the information submitted in the application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I am a student in good standing with the academic institution disclosed in my application, that I have not committed any acts or failed to do anything that would affect my good standing status and no charges or actions by this institution have been initiated or are pending against me by this institution. If selected to receive a Pennsylvania Livestock Association Scholarship, I understand I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation program, use the scholarship to further my post-secondary education.

Disclaimer:

Applicants grant the Pennsylvania Livestock Association permission to use their names, information and likeness in connection with scholarship publicity and media releases.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Name _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICATION:

- _____ References (3) obtained and enclosed
- _____ Unofficial Transcript obtained and enclosed
- _____ School information completed
- _____ Family information completed
- _____ Photo in envelope attached to application

DOCUMENTATION OF TUITION PAYMENT:

- _____ Copy of tuition payment receipt or proof of acceptance to college attached

NARRATIVE:

- _____ Personal paper attached

Note: The applicant's reference letters and photo must accompany the application. No exceptions are permitted.

2017 PLA SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

_____ I. Academic Information (15 points):

- A. High school GPA
- B. Post secondary GPA (if one or more semesters completed)
- C. High school and college activities, honors, awards

_____ II. Community Leadership 2012 - 2016 (25 points): Community activities

- A. 4H/FFA offices, awards, and leadership roles

_____ III. KILE/PLA Involvement (25 points):

_____ IV. Narrative (25 points):

- A. What value has 4-H and/or FFA been to the applicant?
- B. How has the applicant benefited from exhibiting livestock?
- C. How has the applicant benefited from their livestock projects?
- D. What contributions does the applicant plan to make to the livestock industry, agriculture, or society in general?
- E. What are the applicant's goals and aspirations?
- F. Are there any special conditions in regards to financial need?
- G. Neatness

_____ V. Quality of References (10 points):

- A. Evaluate the quality of the applicant according to the chosen references

_____ VI. Other additions or deductions

_____ Total points (100+ if bonus points given)

Comments:+