



## PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational institution – they do NOT have to be pursuing a degree/certificate in an agriculture related degree/program.
  - o Not applicable for master's or Doctorate degrees
- Each scholarship will have a value of at least \$2,000.
- A student may receive the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) Post-Secondary Scholarship award one time only. (Previous PLA Outstanding 4-H/FFA Scholarship winners are eligible.)
- Application materials will not be returned and become the property of PLA Scholarship Committee.

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

**Photo:** Each applicant must furnish a recent photograph, digital preferred. Digital picture can be sent to [plasecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:plasecretary@yahoo.com) with the applicant's name in the subject line. 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 two 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.

**How to submit – 2 options**

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**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 or tuition plus room and board bill will fulfill this requirement. The documentation must indicate that tuition has been paid and the amount paid.

**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.

**Payment of Stipend:** Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the recipient, at the KILE Opening Ceremony. \*\*Recipients are expected to be present at KILE to receive their award.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ M      F      Prefer not to answer  
Circle one

**Home Address:**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Current E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

Activity, Honors, Awards:	Grades			
	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.

Grades				
Activity or Award:	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior

**II. Community Involvement: (From freshman in high school to present)**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. 4-H and FFA Offices, Awards and Leadership Roles (Only):** From freshman in high school to present.

In the space below, please list any 4-H and/or FFA offices you held, awards you have received and the year. Use only space provided.

[illegible]



Name \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Activity:</b></p>	<p><b>Years (YY-YY):</b></p>	<p><b>Total Years:</b></p>
Section IA: High School Activities, Honors and Awards		
Section IB: College Activities, Honors & Awards		
Section IIA: Community Involvement		
Section IIB: 4-H/FFA Offices, Awards & Leadership Roles		
Section III: KILE/PLA Involvement		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative:** Attach a single sheet; font not smaller than 10. “Showcase” yourself using the points under IV on the evaluation sheet (pg 11) also listed below.

- 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?

**Personal References:** It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain and submit two references with their completed application.

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**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 (2) obtained and enclosed or emailed to [plasecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:plasecretary@yahoo.com)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial Transcript obtained and enclosed
- \_\_\_\_\_ School information completed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family information completed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo – digitally sent to [plasecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:plasecretary@yahoo.com) with name in subject line

### **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.***

## 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 (25 points):

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

\_\_\_\_\_ III. KILE/PLA Involvement (25 points):

- A. Animals shown at KILE
- B. KILE participation
- C. PLA Food Booth volunteer shifts

\_\_\_\_\_ IV. Narrative (25 points):

- G. What value has 4-H and/or FFA been to the applicant?
- H. How has the applicant benefited from exhibiting livestock?
- I. How has the applicant benefited from their livestock projects?
- J. What contributions does the applicant plan to make to the livestock industry, agriculture, or society in general?
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\_\_\_\_\_ V. Quality of References (10 points):

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Total points (100 points)

Comments: +