

Scholarship Criteria of the Douglas County Fair Foundation – Fair and Rodeo Scholarship

The Douglas County Fair Foundation – Fair and Rodeo Scholarship is provided to recognize those who have given volunteer service to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Each applicant will be evaluated on their previous or current engagement in agriculture or the western underpinnings of Douglas County combined with their service to the Fair & Rodeo. Award of this scholarship is at the sole discretion of the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

Applicants for this scholarship can be within one year of graduating from High School or currently enrolled in any secondary two-year or four-year academic program; be enrolled in a certification program; or be enrolled in a trade school program. Trade Schools may include automotive, HVAC work, cosmetology, hospitality, culinary arts, construction; others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Each applicant must submit an application which will include an essay detailing how their participation or volunteering at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo helped them gain experiences which shaped their desire to continue their involvement in the agricultural or western industries.

Each applicant must meet the following criteria;

1. Volunteer 20 hours, within Douglas County, in support of the agricultural underpinnings or western heritage of Douglas County at any of a number of organizations including, but not limited to; CALF, Cherokee Ranch, 4-H extension office, Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, etc. Such volunteer time cannot be combined with any volunteer time required by another institution such as Douglas County Schools, religious organizations, 4-H Ambassador, or community-based organizations.
2. As part of the 20 hours above, 8 hours must be performed during the preceding year's Fair & Rodeo
3. Be currently enrolled in high school or any secondary two-year or four-year academic program; be enrolled in a certification program; or be enrolled in a trade school program. Trade Schools may include automotive, HVAC work, cosmetology, hospitality, culinary arts, construction; others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. Have or had a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)
5. Submit an essay addressing the three requirements as listed:
 - a. **Community Involvement:** Describe your volunteer experience at the Fair & Rodeo and how it has impacted your personal growth and community connection.
 - b. **Educational Goals:** Explain your educational and career objectives and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
 - c. **Future Contribution:** How do you plan to give back to the community after completing your education?

All Applicants must use any award within **two years** of receiving the scholarship. All monies awarded will be paid directly to the institution in which the awardee is currently enrolled. If the recipient is enrolled in a trade school program fully paid for by their employer and cannot use the funds for tuition, the award may be used to purchase appropriate tools to enhance their career. Receipts showing specific purchases for tools and equipment needed for that trade will be reimbursed one time for up to the scholarship award amount.