

## 2026 North Georgia State Fair Scholarship

The North Georgia State Fair and Drew Exposition will award ten (10) \$5,000 scholarships to high school students who fit the eligibility criteria. This document contains information about all of the scholarships, as well as the forms necessary to apply for each scholarship.

### **About North Georgia State Fair**

The purpose of the North Georgia State Fair is to sponsor a county fair for the welfare of agricultural, recreational, educational, business, and industrial interests of the North Georgia area. To promote youth programs, youth clubs, and youth organizations as approved by the Board of Directors. To furnish a medium of cooperation between the people in North Georgia and the business community of North Georgia and to promote the industrial development of the North Georgia area. To encourage and promote additional educational opportunities for all citizens of the North Georgia area.

### **Recipient's Obligation**

Acceptance of the award constitutes permission for The North Georgia State Fair to use the recipient's name and likeness in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship in the organization's publications, website, social media and announcements. Furthermore, recipient agrees to provide official documentation indicating full-time enrollment at the college, university, or trade school of their choice before payment will be made. Failure to supply documentation as a registered, degree seeking student will result in revocation of the full amount of the award.

### **Award Notification and Payment**

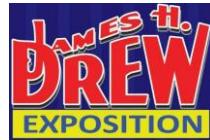
The winning scholarship recipients will be notified via email no later than April 30th. Scholarships will be awarded at The North Georgia State Fair Board of Directors meeting in June. Scholarship payment will be made in one installment in August upon receipt of official notification of enrollment/registration for classes. Payment will be made directly to the college, university or trade school on behalf of the recipient.

### **Applying**

Applications are available for download at the North Georgia State Fair website at <https://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com>. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for the North Georgia State Fair 2026 Scholarship must submit an application meeting all previous outlined requirement to the North Georgia State Fair by March 20th.

US Mail: North Georgia State Fair  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 777  
Kennesaw, GA 30156

**Please Note: Application materials must be received by March 20th. Any applicants not meeting each of the outline criteria or received after this date will not be considered.**



## Scholarship Instructions and Guidelines

The North Georgia State Fair and Drew Exposition annually will award ten (10) scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding leadership, service within their community, entrepreneurial spirit, and extra-curricular success within athletics or fine arts while participating in their schools. Scholarship honoree will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, room & board, or books.

### Eligible Criteria

Applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration by the North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Selection Committee:

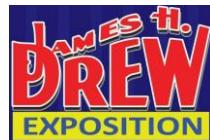
1. Graduating senior from a high school in Cobb County to include public, private and/or home schooled.
2. Minimum 2.5 GPA.
3. Demonstrate active participation in extracurricular activities.
4. Demonstrate active involvement within their community through community service.
5. Leadership, Employment, Awards & Recognition while not required are highly valued.

### Application criteria

Completed application must be submitted by March 20<sup>th</sup> to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Any incomplete applications will not be considered. Criteria includes:

1. Provide proof of intent to enroll full-time in a fully accredited technical college, trade school or two/four-year college/university undergraduate program beginning no later than Fall 2026 by submitting one of the following:
  - a. A copy of an acceptance letter for chosen college, university or trade school if available prior to application deadline.
  - b. A copy of submitted application for chosen college, university or trade school and status if available should no acceptance letter be available prior to application deadline.
2. Applicant must submit one (1) letter of support/recommendation from an individual, such as a teacher, coach, principal, employer, or pastor, who are qualified to address the candidate's qualities, community impact and suitability for this award.
3. Submit a personally written essay (300 words or less) outlining the applicant's future goals and aspirations.
4. Resume to include a list of all school, community, and/or extracurricular activities, including leadership positions.
5. A copy of high school transcript. (Does not have to be official)

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## 2026 North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Application

Complete the following information and sign the application as requested. Submit completed application, essay and supporting documents for consideration to the US mail address on page 1.

Please Note: Applications received after March 20th will not be considered.

### Personal Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Parents / Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Applicant's High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Trade School you plan to enroll in Fall 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major/program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

### Letter of Support

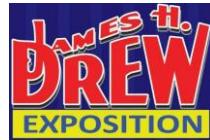
Please list the name and contact information for the individual who has provided a letter of support. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to contact these individuals directly. The support letter should be returned to the student in a sealed and signed envelope, as directed on the instructions.

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Resume

Please list in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent year, any extracurricular activities including fine arts and athletics, leadership roles, community service, significant accomplishments, awards, and honors received during your high school career.

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### Agreement

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application and all attachments are true and correct.

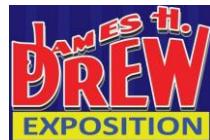
- I understand the North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Selection Committee may conduct investigations related to the information provided herein and agree to hold the committee and/or Fair Board Committee members harmless of any claims of liability resulting from these investigations.
- I understand that any false or misleading information may disqualify me from future consideration for the North Georgia State Fair Scholarship.
- I understand that, if awarded a scholarship, I will be required to submit proof of registration as a full-time degree seeking student for the Fall 2026 semester before any award payment will be made. Furthermore, I understand and accept that failure to be properly registered can lead to revocation of the full amount of the scholarship.
- If awarded a scholarship, I agree to allow the North Georgia State Fair to use my name and likeness in any newsletter, website, press release, or other lawful media in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2026 North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Letter of Support Instructions

*To the Applicant: Please write your name in the space below, provide a copy of these instructions to the individual writing a letter of support. Letter of support should be included with your application. All applications must be complete and must be received no later than March 20th.*

You are being asked to submit a letter of recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_ in support of his/her application for a North Georgia State Fair Scholarship.

The North Georgia State Fair Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated success in the classroom, evidence of extracurricular activities, shown leadership qualities, and given back to their community. Awards are made to high school seniors at Cobb County Schools, City of Marietta Schools or qualifying private/home schools. The individual must plan to attend a fully accredited two or four-year college, university, or trade school, starting no later than Fall 2026.

The North Georgia State Fair Scholarship honorees receive a \$5,000 scholarship award to help offset the cost of educational expenses including but not limited to, tuition, housing, board, or books. Scholarship recipient will receive notification by April 30th that they will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at the June North Georgia State Fair Board Meeting.

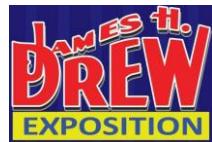
The North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Selection Committee values your observations, feedback, and evaluation of the applicant's suitability for this award. The following items should be addressed in the letter of support:

- How long and under what circumstances have you come to know the applicant?
- Describe the applicant's strengths and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicants' academic excellence, outstanding leadership, service within their community, entrepreneurial spirit, and extra-curricular success within athletics or fine arts.
- Discuss the applicant's potential for future success.
- Please provide any additional comments or insights relating to the applicant. This can include motivation, initiative in pursuing goals, work responsibilities, community service, etc.

Your letter of support should be placed in a sealed and signed envelope. The letter should then be returned to the applicant for inclusion in the scholarship application.

The Scholarship Selection Committee would like to thank you for supporting the applicant, as a trusted friend and ally, in this scholarship selection and award process. The information you provide will remain completely confidential and will only be used for consideration by the North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Selection Committee for the sole purpose of selection and award process. The Committee may contact you if needed.

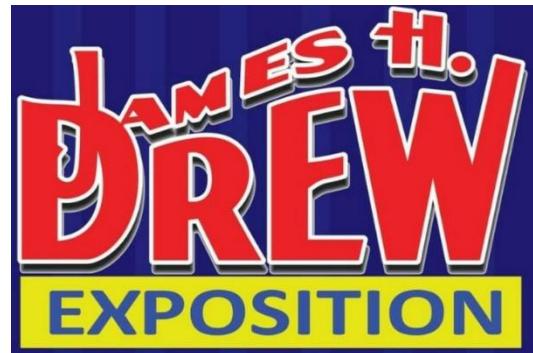
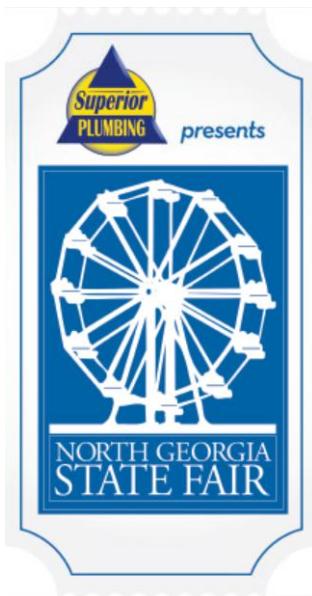
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## Application Materials Check-List

An application will be considered valid and complete only when all of the following materials are included and received on or before March 20th.

- Completed and signed application form
- Copy of high school transcript(s) (Does not need to be official)
- Copy of college, university, trade school or technical school acceptance letter, if available
- Letter of support from \_\_\_\_\_
- Student resume
- Personal essay
- Signed agreement



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