

West Florida Livestock Association Scholarship Program Application Packet

Created in 1945, the West Florida Livestock Association (WFLA) has been an important educational resource for north Florida and south Georgia youth. Because of generous community support related to the WFLA mission, three scholarships are available for deserving students who wish to continue their education.

This scholarship packet includes educational scholarships available to participants in the West Florida Livestock Show & Sale. Please read the entire packet, understanding the history, intent and requirements established for each scholarship. You may apply for any/all scholarships for which you are eligible.

Scholarship Guidelines:

	West Florida Livestock Association		Clark, Lewis, Moore		Stoney Edwards
West Florida Livestock Show Participation	any year		year of application		year of application*
Years Eligible to Apply	Junior, Senior, College/Vo-Tech		Senior		Senior **, College/Vo-tech
Demonstrate Financial Need	No		No		Yes***
Gadsden County 4-H Member	No		Yes		No
Essay	No		No		Yes
Letters of Recommendation	No		No		Yes
Interview	Yes		Yes		Yes

*unless applying in college/vo-tech

** if no eligible Senior, Juniors may apply

*** complete financial questions on application

All applications must be submitted to the Gadsden County Extension Office in-person or via e-mail by **5 p.m. the first Monday in January** to be considered for that year. You will receive a confirmation e-mail when your application(s) have been received. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.

All the Best,

The West Florida Livestock Association Scholarship Committee

Application Instructions

The following scholarships are awarded annually to participants in the West Florida Livestock Show & Sale:

West Florida Livestock Association Scholarship – up to \$1,000

Clark, Lewis, Moore Gadsden 4-H Youth Scholarship – up to \$1,000

Stoney Edwards Scholarship – up to \$3,000 (distributed over 4 years)

1. Applications must be typed, complete and submitted online or to the Gadsden County Extension Office in-person or via e-mail by **5 p.m. the first Monday in January**. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.
2. All submissions become property of the WFLA Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. Please keep a copy for your records.
3. A scholarship committee (with two-year rotation of members), appointed by the West Florida Livestock Association Board of Directors will determine scholarship recipient(s). The committee should include at least one past scholarship recipient, if possible.
4. Score sheets will be confidential and anonymous. WFLA Scholarship Committee recommendations are final.
5. Scholarships shall be in the form of a grant and not repayable.
6. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual West Florida Livestock Show & Sale.
7. Scholarships, although announced at the West Florida Livestock Show, will be payable only after the student has been accepted by and enrolled in the college or vocational school of their choice.
8. You may only receive each scholarship once.

Helpful Hints

1. Familiarize yourself with the application. It will take some time to research and complete the information required.
2. Use past 4-H and FFA record books and other activity records to remind you of past activities.
3. You may solicit advice from parents, teachers and mentors, but the entire application must be solely your work.
4. When letters of recommendation are required, these should come from adults who know you well in school, church or other organizations. Recommendations from family members are not accepted.

West Florida Livestock Association Scholarship

The West Florida Livestock Association (WFLA) and inaugural WFLA Show & Sale began in 1945 when shade tobacco was king in Gadsden County. At that time, Gadsden County was the largest producer of fed cattle in Florida. The tobacco farms fed the cattle primarily for the manure to fertilize the tobacco fields. In the early days, carlots or pens-of-ten were shown by adult cattle feeders as were single entries for the 4-H and FFA members. The WFLA Show & Sale was the only fat cattle show west of Ocala in Florida.

Thousands of youth have participated in this show since its inception, learning valuable life lessons and an appreciation for the rich agricultural history in our region. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for youth to gain a worthwhile agricultural experience that they will remember for a lifetime. Many students began a college education fund through their involvement in the WFLA Show & Sale. It is through generous community support that these scholarships are being offered as additional aid for continued education.

The following rules apply to each of the three available scholarships, although each scholarship also has its own set of eligibility requirements found later in this packet:

1. The scholarship(s) will be awarded to a deserving student(s) who has participated in the West Florida Livestock Show & Sale and wishes to further their education.
2. This shall include vocational schools, junior colleges and four-year colleges.
3. Applicants are only eligible if they have participated in the WFLA Show & Sale (either showing a steer and/or market hog) at sometime during his/her youth show career.
4. Recipients will be judged on their character, 4-H club activities, school and community involvement and the need/ability to use the award to complete their education.
5. A scholarship committee (with two-year rotation of members), appointed by the West Florida Livestock Association Board of Directors will determine scholarship recipient(s). The committee should include at least one past scholarship recipient, if possible. Scholarship committee recommendations will be final.
6. Participate in an interview with the WFLA Scholarship Committee.
7. Scholarships shall be in the form of a grant and not repayable.
8. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual West Florida Livestock Show & Sale.
9. Scholarships, although announced at the West Florida Livestock Show, will be payable only after the student has been accepted by and enrolled in the college or vocational school of their choice.
10. You may only receive this scholarship once.
11. The number of scholarships and dollar amounts awarded may vary from year to year, based on funds available and at the discretion of the West Florida Livestock Board of Directors.
12. Scholarships may also be awarded to students currently enrolled in college or vocational school who are eligible.

Clark, Lewis, Moore Gadsden 4-H Youth Scholarship

Bernard H. Clark was involved with 4-H since 7th grade. He served as a University of Florida, County Extension Agent. During his career, he added the swine division to the annual West Florida Fair and Livestock Show & Sale, and later served as secretary, then director of the Gadsden County 4-H Livestock Club. Mr. Clark was involved in various aspects of 4-H more than 70 years.

W. Bernard Lewis was a volunteer club leader and avid supporter of the Gadsden County 4-H Livestock Club since the 1970's when his children joined. While actively serving as a club volunteer he chaperoned many youth at 4-H Camp Timpoochee Horsemanship School. Mr. Lewis has been a West Florida Livestock Association member for many years and his children and grandchildren remain active in 4-H continuing his legacy.

Herman Moore was a fourth generation Gadsden County farmer born to his inheritance; an unbroken farming legacy dating back to the Civil War. Mr. Moore was involved in many community organizations, including the West Florida Livestock Association, Gadsden County Cattleman's Association and Gadsden County Farm Bureau. He was a strong supporter of the Gadsden County 4-H program.

This scholarship is available for a high school senior who is also a member of Gadsden County 4-H. Applications will be judged on participation and leadership in 4-H, school and community organizations, as well as future education plans and how 4-H helped shaped your career choice.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior and a member of Gadsden County 4-H desiring to further their education at a university, community college or vocational school.
2. The applicant must show a steer or market hog in the West Florida Livestock Show the year in which they apply for the scholarship.
3. The West Florida Livestock Association is not financially responsible for this scholarship.
4. A scholarship committee (with two-year rotation of members), appointed by the West Florida Livestock Association Board of Directors will determine scholarship recipient(s). The committee should include at least one past scholarship recipient, if possible. Scholarship committee recommendations will be final.
5. Participate in an interview with the WFLA Scholarship Committee.
6. Scholarships shall be in the form of a grant and not repayable.
7. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual West Florida Livestock Show & Sale.
8. Scholarships, although announced at the West Florida Livestock Show, will be payable only after the student has been accepted by and enrolled in the college or vocational school of their choice.
9. You may only receive this scholarship once.

Stoney Edwards Scholarship

The scholarship is given in memory of Stoney Edwards, a well-known cattleman and livestock producer in West Florida during the first three quarters of the 20th century. Mr. Edwards was a charter member of the West Florida Livestock Association, formed in 1945. He ran free-range cattle until the 1930's then ran feedlot operations to fatten cattle for market. He was president of the Quincy Livestock Company and vice-president of Suber-Edwards Packing Company until its merger with Frosty Morn Packing Company in 1957. In his later years, Mr. Edwards ran independent stockyards and represented key grocery stores like Winn-Dixie and Swift & Co. as their principle cattle buyer. The Stoney Edwards Scholarship is generously funded by his grandchildren, Steve Stoutamire and Charlotte Stoutamire Pickels.

The recipient, of sound character, must have shown a steer or market hog during the West Florida Livestock Show during the year in which they apply, demonstrated leadership in 4-H or FFA club work, worked to provide meaningful contributions through community service. Financial need is also a key consideration in the selection of the recipient. The West Florida Livestock Association is not financially responsible for this scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. This scholarship will be awarded to deserving student from Florida or Georgia who wishes to continue their education at a university, community college or vocational school. The scholarship will be based on merit, financial need, leadership, character and participation in the West Florida Livestock Show.
2. Recipients may be a high school senior or student currently enrolled in college/vocational school. If there are no senior applicants, high school juniors will be eligible.
3. The applicant must show a steer or market hog in the West Florida Livestock Show & Sale the year in which they apply for the scholarship.
 - a. If the recipient is in college, they must have participated in the WFLA Show & Sale when they were a high-school senior
4. Write a 500-word essay related to the history of the livestock industry in west Florida and surrounding areas.
5. Applicants must participate in an interview with the WFLA Scholarship Committee and submit two letters of recommendation.
6. A scholarship committee (with two-year rotation of members), appointed by the West Florida Livestock Association Board of Directors will determine scholarship recipient(s). The committee should include at least one past scholarship recipient, if possible. Scholarship committee recommendations will be final.
7. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual West Florida Livestock Show & Sale.
8. Scholarships will only be payable after the student has been accepted by and enrolled in the college or vocational school of their choice.
9. Scholarships shall be in the form of a grant and not repayable. Winners may only receive this scholarship one time.
10. The scholarship will be up to \$3,000 paid over a four-year period with a maximum of \$750.00 distributed annually.
11. Proof of enrollment and educational expenses (i.e., books) must be provided, by the student, to the West Florida Livestock Association or their designee each semester.
12. To remain eligible, student must maintain satisfactory progress with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

West Florida Livestock Association Scholarship Program Application

Please completely fill out the application. All information will remain confidential.

Please select all scholarships that you are applying for:

- ☐ **West Florida Livestock Association**
☐ **Clark/Lewis/Moore**
☐ **Stoney Edwards**

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

4-H Club: _____ 4-H Club Leader: _____

FFA Chapter: _____ FFA Chapter Advisor: _____

Home Phone: _____ Applicant Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Occupation(s): _____

(Stoney Edwards applicants only)

How many siblings live at home? _____

Will any other members of the household (siblings, parents) be attending college/vocational/technical school next year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which school(s)? _____

Annual household income, please select one:

- ☐ \$10,000 – \$20,000
☐ \$21,000 – \$35,000
☐ \$36,000 – \$50,000
☐ \$51,000 – \$75,000
☐ \$76,000 or more

If applicable, please explain any circumstances affecting your family income for the past year creating a need for financial assistance to further your education.

What college/university/vocational school are you currently attending or do you plan to attend?

Do you plan to attend the same school next year? _____

If not, which school will you attend? _____

What is your planned major, degree you are seeking and expected graduation date?

What are your career goals after you finish college?

Have you applied for other scholarships? If so, which ones and when?

What is the most important thing you have learned from participating in the West Florida Livestock Show and Sale?

I understand that a 500-word essay is required for this scholarship and have provided it as an attachment with my application. ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: if "no" your application is incomplete and you will not be eligible for this scholarship)

(Clark, Lewis, Moore applicants only)

How did your participation in Gadsden County 4-H influence your future education and career plans?

ACTIVITIES RECORD:

Name: _____

West Florida Livestock Show Record:

Year: _____ Class: _____ Placing: _____

Other Livestock Show Records:

Year: _____ Location: _____ Class: _____ Placing: _____

Showmanship Record:

Year: _____ Location: _____ Class: _____ Placing: _____

Judging Record:

Year: _____ Type of Contest: _____ Placing: _____

4-H, FFA, Jr. Breed Association Activities:

Year: _____ Event: _____ Role: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Awards:

Year: _____ Description: _____

Year: _____ Description: _____

Year: _____ Description: _____

Year: _____ Description: _____

Year: _____ Description: _____

High School Activities and Honors:

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

High School Activities and Honors Contd.':

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Civic, Community and Church Activities:

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Work Experience:

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Year: _____ Organization: _____ Position: _____

Description of Activities: _____
