

# MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 4-H & YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

## SCHOLARSHIP

It is the mission of The Michigan State Fair and Michigan 4-H to promote and celebrate the positive achievements by youth in the state of Michigan. In order to provide youth participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase with recognition and reward, we will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships through an application process as outlined below. We are able to award these dollars because of a generous donation from Blair Bowman of the Michigan State Fair. **Please apply using the following online form by Sunday, August 23, 2020 at midnight: [Michigan State Fair 4-H Youth Virtual Showcase Scholarship Application](#).** Paper submissions by mail will not be accepted but you can review the scholarship questions in this document. If you have any questions about the scholarship email [4Hshowcase@msue.msu.edu](mailto:4Hshowcase@msue.msu.edu).

### Who is eligible to compete for a Scholarship?

- Any Michigan youth ages 8-19 exhibiting in at least one department within the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase.
- The scholarship can be used for any and all expenses related to the applicants' post-secondary education.
- An exhibitor is only eligible to win 1 scholarship per year at The Michigan State Fair, but may enter more than one division
- Award recipients will be selected based on competitive judging of the application and possible virtual interview.
- All scholarship awards will be sent directly to the educational institution.

Application points will be awarded as follows:

- Complete application – 5 points
- School/Academic – 15 points
- Achievements & Awards (last 5 years) - 15 points
- Community involvement – 15 points
- Leadership - 25 points
- Project work/learning demonstrated –15 points
- Life challenges/COVID-19 - 10 points

### Application Questions (please use the online form to submit your application):

1. What courses through your school have you found to be most challenging? What courses have been the most rewarding? Please explain your answer to both questions.
2. Where are you planning on continuing your education and what are your career goals?
3. List or describe your Community/School Involvement (include committees, projects and/or volunteer work).
4. List leadership roles you have been involved in last five years.

5. Describe one of your projects you exhibited at the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Include the number of weeks or months you were involved in that project and what was involved.
6. What are some ways you could encourage someone to try a new project that you have experience in?
7. How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted your life? Was there a positive aspect or result due to a change in your life or situation?