

GARRETT COUNTY 4-H/FFA SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Sponsor: *Garrett County Livestock Association*

Effective Date of Award: (To be awarded at Awards Ceremony – Garrett County Fair)

Objective: To provide funds for furthering education beyond high school.

Usage: College, Trade School, or Technical School.

Eligibility: Applicant must:

- be an active member of the Garrett County 4-H/FFA Program
- be a graduate of an area high school or equivalent;
- have been enrolled in a Livestock Project at least once during 4-H/FFA membership.
- have been involved in Livestock Association Functions

The winner of the **FIRST** place scholarship **cannot** apply the following year for any of the top three placement awards. The applicant can apply two (2) years as long as eligibility is met. Applicant is still eligible to apply if they have aged out of the Maryland 4-H or FFA program before applying for this scholarship for their second year of college or trade school.

Applicant: Complete application including participation sheet and essay.
Submit two letters of recommendation. (These may be from volunteers, organizations, teachers or advisors).

Applications Due: Friday, April 17th, 2026 Late applications will not be accepted.

Send To: Garrett County Extension Office, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Suite A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550.

Selection Committee: Applications will be reviewed and applicants interviewed by a Scholarship Selection Committee. The Committee will be comprised of one member of the Garrett County Livestock Association Board of Directors, one individual from the Livestock Scholarship Committee, one non 4-H/FFA community representative, and one individual from an out-of-county 4-H/FFA Livestock Program.

Method of Selection: The application with essay, the interview, and letters of recommendation will be used to determine the recipient(s) in addition to their participation at livestock functions. The overall score will be weighted as follows: 50% for number of livestock projects and participation in any livestock association activities, (examples include, but are not limited to Weigh-in, Ag Bash, Corn Booth, Livestock Sale, facilities improvement projects etc.) 25% essay and 25% interview.

- I. Essay: (Essay should not exceed 1,000 words typed/printed, double spaced).
Suggested Topics:
 1. What 4-H/FFA means to me.
 2. How my 4-H/FFA experience will help me in the future.
 3. How 4-H/FFA has helped me become a better person.

- II. Interview: (All applicants must interview with the Selection Committee to be considered for a scholarship). Date of interview: Interviews will be held in May in the conference room at the Garrett County Extension Office. The applicant will be notified of the interview time.

Scholarships: The number of scholarships and dollar amount to be awarded will depend on funds available. There will be three (3) placement winners each year. All others applying will be awarded a lesser amount based on the Treasury balance and the number of applicants.

Applicant's Name: _____

GCLA Participation

Please list the years of participation and briefly describe what you did to help support the following Livestock Association Events.

Event	Dates	Describe Your Involvement
GCLA Ag Bash		Duties Performed:
Cow Patty Bingo		# of Tickets Sold by Applicant _____ Other participation with Event:
Spring Show (worked weigh-in, set-up, clean-up and food booth, helped announce shows or line up classes)		Duties Performed:
Corn Booth		# Years worked by Applicant _____ Tasks completed with event:
Livestock Sale		Tasks completed with event (set up chairs, served snacks to buyers, ect.)
Other projects/ activities sponsored by GCLA		
# of animals raised and exhibited while in 4-H		

(complete back - over)

Additional Youth Comments:

Youth Signature & Date

Additional Parent Comments:

Parent Signature & Date

Additional Club Leader Comments:

Club Leader Signature & Date