



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION
POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM
DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION**

Please do not detach this cover page and description from the
rest of the application.

This form must be returned in its entirety.

Student deadline for submitting application to
Adult/Technical School Counselor:

(Date Selected by Schools)

School deadline for submitting selected
application to:

Ms. Yessenia L. Lambo
Office of Postsecondary Career and Technical Education
Work Location #8001

District deadline to submit 5 winning applications to:

Claudia Hernandez, Exhibits Director

THE FAIR

10901 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Applications must be submitted by schools only.

No individual submissions will be accepted.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION HIGH SCHOOL FOR POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADULT/TECHNICAL COLLEGE AWARD PROGRAM CRITERIA

THE PROGRAM AND ITS PURPOSE

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program (The Fair) was created in 1958 to recognize and honor the youth of Miami-Dade County for their dedication to academics and for demonstrating a strong sense of commitment to voluntary participation in school and community activities. This scholarship program affirms The Fair's commitment to education and its way of thanking the loyal, fair guests who visit annually and help make The Fair successful.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

The scholarship is independently managed by The Fair and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). M-DCPS Post-secondary counselor offices receive process, evaluate and recommend applicants. All information and academic records submitted in the application process are kept in strict confidence and retained by M-DCPS and The Fair.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Applicants with a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent and planning to attend an accredited college, university or M-DCPS certified adult/vocational school. You may only be a recipient/winner of a fair scholarship once.

THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants must:

1. Meet all eligibility requirements.
 2. Complete the application.
 3. Secure a transcript from the adult center/technical college.
 4. Obtain two faculty (or 1 faculty and one community service related) recommendations.
 5. Return all application materials together to Adult/Vocational designee at their school by _____.
- Schools must submit a winning application to:

Ms. Yessenia L. Lambo
Office of Post-Secondary Career
and Technical Education
Work Location #8001

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The determinations will be made using the applicants' abilities to demonstrate dedication to academics; their participation and excellence in school and community activities; two recommendations; and the students' personal statements defining goals and exhibiting energy and dedication to a plan. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin. Financial need is not a factor.

THE ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program awards \$1,000 scholarships annually to five students.

ANNOUNCEMENT & DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS

Recipients will be notified in February 2026. An award ceremony honoring all recipients will be held March 18, 2026 during the 2026 Youth Fair. All award payments are made payable to the recipient pending proof of registration from the M-DCPS adult/technical certified program.

Scholarship checks will be awarded beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. After award period due date of June 30, 2027; scholarships are forfeited.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE APPLICANTS

Applicants to The Fair Scholarship Program should remember that is their sole responsibility to:

1. Gather and submit all information necessary for The Fair and M-DCPS to select the recipients.
2. Ensure that all materials are returned to the school's adult/vocational counselor office no later than _____. (Date selected by schools.)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Claudia Hernandez, Exhibits Director
THE FAIR
10901 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165
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1. Please print or type all information.
2. If space provided is inadequate, please attach additional papers to the application.
3. School, community and work experience relating solely to the last two years.
4. All data you submit in support of this application becomes the property of The Fair.

APPLICANT DATA

Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt.# _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

DATA: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS 16 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE

Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If different from applicant's address

Street Address: _____ Apt.# _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

High School Diploma or Equivalent? Yes: _____ No: _____ Award Year: _____

High School Name *(if applicable)*: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt.# _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Adult/Vocational Education Center: _____ School Code & Region: _____

Adult/Vocational Education Center Telephone Number: _____

Applied Technology Program Title: _____

Total Hours Earned to Date: _____

Project Completion Date _____

Principal's Signature or Designee: _____

Print Name: _____

E-mail: _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List all school and community activities.

Year	Activity

HONORS AND AWARDS

List all significant honors and awards.

Year	Honors and Awards

WORK EXPERIENCE

List all work experience, part-and full-time.

Position	From Mo/ Yr to Mo/Yr	Hours per week

The signatures below affirm that all the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If requested, we will provide proof. Failure to do so shall invalidate this application and result in the termination of any aid granted. I understand that any information contained in the application may be used for publication. I understand that by submitting this application I consent to the usage of my likeness and name. From time-to-time photographs are taken during The Fair and during events at the fairgrounds. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes. By signing your application, you are giving the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

For applicants under the age of 18



Your request becomes valid only when this application and all supporting documents are submitted by your Student Services Chairperson to:

Ms. Yessenia L. Lambo

Office of Post-Secondary Career and Technical Education

Work Location #8001

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ESSAY ON GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Please use this page to write an essay that reflects your dedication to academics and your participation and excellence in school and community activities. Additionally, state why you wish to continue your education; define your career goals and your plan for achievement. You are limited to the space provided; use double spacing, size ten font. If you wish, you may recreate this page on the computer when composing your essay.

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Write a five (5) line narrative about yourself.



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APPLIED TECHNOLOGY TEACHER EVALUATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____ Location # _____

Please use the scale below to evaluate the applicant by inserting a check mark in the appropriate column.

RATING SCALE

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 5 – Exceptional | 2 – Average |
| 4 – Outstanding | 1 – Poor |
| 3 – Excellent | 0 – Unable to Evaluate |

	5	4	3	2	1	0
COMPLIES WITH ATTENDANCE						
PRACTICES PUNCTUALITY						
INTERACTS WITH TEACHERS OR SUPERVISORS						
COOPERATES AS A TEAM MEMBER						
SEEKS ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATELY						
WORKS UNSUPERVISED						
COMPLETES TASK ACCURATELY AND PROMPTLY						
USES GOOD JUDGMENT						
ACCEPTS CHANGE						
ACCEPTS CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM						
SHOWS INITIATIVE						
PRACTICES INTEGRITY						
HANDLES FRUSTRATION						
HAS GOOD MANNERS AND PERSONAL HABITS						
SHOWS APPROPRIATE APPEARANCE REQUIRED BY SITUATION						
PRACTICES SAFE USE AND PROPER CARE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT						
APPLIES LEADERSHIP SKILLS						
IS COMMITTED TO HIS/HER STUDIES						
ACTS IN A MATURE WAY						
TOTALS						



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LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM						

Why do you recommend this applicant for the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

Teacher Name

Signature

Date



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RATING SHEET

Student's Name: _____

School Year: _____ Total Points: _____ Final Rank: _____

1. ESSAY

- Basic communication skills; ability to assemble and express thoughts (15)..... _____

2. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Allow 5 points for each activity for a maximum of five or 25 points..... (25) _____

3. HONORS AND AWARDS

- Allow 5 points for each activity for a maximum of four or 20 points (20) _____

4. CREDIT FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

- Allow 3 points for each activity for a maximum of five or 15 points..... (15) _____

5. APPLIED TECHNOLOGY TEACHER EVALUATION..... (95) _____

6. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (50)..... _____

- 5 = 50 points
- 4 = 40 points
- 3 = 30 points
- 2 = 20 points
- 1 = 10 points
- 0 = 0 points

7. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Allow 10 points for each letter for a maximum of two or 20 points..... (20) _____

8. APPEARANCE AND COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION..... (10)..... _____

GRAND TOTAL(250)..... _____

COMMENTS

EVALUATED BY

Print Name

Signature

Date