



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
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
CAP Advisor or designee:

(Date Selected by Schools)

School deadline to submit winning application 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 SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY 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 is 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 M-DCPS College Assistance Program (CAP) 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

Miami-Dade County graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA 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 current high school transcript.
4. Obtain two faculty (or 1 faculty and one community service related) recommendations.
5. Return all application materials together to: CAP Advisor or Designee at their school by _____.

Schools must submit a winning application to:

Claudia Hernandez, Exhibits Director
THE FAIR
10901 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165
Postmarked by January 15, 2026

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 scholarship per school annually.

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 college or university.

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 CAP office no later than _____ (Date selected by schools).

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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THE FAIR
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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 become 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: _____

PARENT DATA

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: _____

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Cumulative GPA: _____ (on a weighted 4.0 scale) Rank in class _____ out of _____

School Name: _____ School Phone: _____

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

Principal's Name: _____ School Code & Region: _____

Email: _____

UNIVERSITY DATA

List the school(s) where you have applied.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Expected Major: _____

SPECIAL NOTE

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and submit an official transcript of grades and two recommendations.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List all school and community activities for the last two years.

Activity	Years	Honors/Awards

WORK EXPERIENCE

List all work experience, part-and full-time, for the last two years.

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

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Use this space to write a statement that reflects your dedication to academics and your participation and excellence in both school and community activities. Additionally, state why you wish to continue your education; define your career goals and your plan for achievement.

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

Signature of Principal

Date

Principal's E-mail



Your request becomes valid only when this application and all supporting documents are submitted to your CAP Advisor or designee at your school site by _____. **This form and format of this application is protected by copyright and may not be altered in any way and remains in possession of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.**