

FANNIN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2026 Scholarship Guide & Application

Stars, Stripes & County Fair Nights
Celebrating America's 250th Birthday



Welcome

Dear Future Legacy Scholar,

The Fannin County Fair Board is proud to invest in the future of young leaders who demonstrate integrity, service, leadership, academic achievement, and dedication to the traditions of the Fannin County Fair.

Our Legacy Scholar Program recognizes students whose involvement in the fair has helped shape their character and whose commitment to their community reflects the values we celebrate each year.

We wish you success as you pursue higher education or workforce training and thank you for being part of the legacy of the Fannin County Fair.

Sincerely,

Fannin County Fair Board 2026

Mission

The Legacy Scholar Program exists to encourage education, reward leadership, recognize service, and celebrate the impact the Fannin County Fair has on the youth of Fannin County.

Core Values

- Leadership
- Integrity
- Community Service
- Agriculture
- Education
- Volunteerism
- Sportsmanship
- Citizenship

Eligibility

- Graduating high school senior.
- Resident of Fannin County and attends a Fannin County school/participates through Fannin County 4H.
- Participated in or volunteered with the Fannin County Fair for at least two years.
- Planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, or technical program.
- In good standing with the Fannin County Fair Board.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Official or unofficial transcript
- ☐ Two recommendation forms (no family)
- ☐ Essay responses
- ☐ Any required supporting documentation

Timeline

Event	Date
Applications Open	August
Applications Due	September
Committee Review	September
Recipients Announced	October
Recognition	2026 Fannin County Fair

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may apply?

Any eligible graduating senior meeting the published requirements.

How are applications scored?

Using a standardized rubric evaluating fair participation, leadership, service, academics, essays, and recommendations.

Where are scholarship funds sent?

Directly to the recipient's educational institution after proof of enrollment is submitted to Fannin County Fair Board.

Can trade schools qualify?

Yes.

Scholarship amounts awarded:

Scholarship Award Recipient \$1,500.00

Scholarship Finalist-First Runner-Up \$1,000.00

Scholarship Finalist-Second Runner-Up \$500.00

Contact

Fannin County Fair Board

Email: fannincountyfair@gmail.com

Website: FanninCountyFair.net

Legacy Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Class Rank (optional): _____

Intended College/Trade School: _____

Intended Major/Career: _____

Fair Participation Record

Year	Division/Event	Project	Awards	Leadership	Volunteer Hours

Leadership Activities

List school, FFA, 4-H, church, civic, athletics, clubs, or other leadership positions held.

Community Service

Describe volunteer service and approximate hours completed.

Agriculture Experience

- ☐ FFA
- ☐ 4-H
- ☐ Livestock
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ Horticulture
- ☐ Ag Mechanics
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Rabbits
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Other: _____

Honors & Awards

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Essay Instructions

Type your responses using black ink or a computer. Each essay should be well organized, demonstrate your own voice, and include specific examples from your life. Recommended length: 500–750 words per essay.

Essay Part 1 – My Fair Story

Describe how your participation in the Fannin County Fair has impacted your life. Explain what experiences, lessons, or relationships have shaped you and how the fair has influenced your future. 500–750 words

Essay Part 2 – Leadership Through Service

Describe a time you demonstrated leadership while serving your school, church, organization, or community. What challenge did you face, what actions did you take, and what did you learn? 500–750 words

Essay Part 3 – My Future

Describe your educational and career goals. Explain how receiving the Legacy Scholarship will help you achieve those goals and how you plan to give back to your community. 500–750 words

Required Supporting Documents

- ☐ Current resume
- ☐ High school transcript (official or unofficial)
- ☐ Proof of college, university, or trade school acceptance (if available)
- ☐ Copies of leadership, service, or fair-related awards (optional)
- ☐ Any additional documents supporting your application

Photo & Media Release

I grant the Fannin County Fair Board permission to use my name, photograph, and scholarship information for promotional purposes including social media, printed materials, newspapers, and the Fair website if selected as a recipient.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Checklist

- ☐ Application completed
- ☐ Essays completed
- ☐ Resume attached
- ☐ Transcript attached
- ☐ Two recommendation forms submitted
- ☐ Supporting documents attached
- ☐ All signatures completed

Submission Information

Submit your completed application and all supporting materials by the published deadline.

Email: fannincountyfair@gmail.com

Or deliver to the Fannin County Fair Board.

Recommender 1 Information for _____ (applicant's name)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant (no family): _____

Examples: Teacher, Principal, Counselor, Coach

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant

Category	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Avg.	N/A
Character					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Dependability					
Communication					
Work Ethic					
Initiative					
Respect for Others					
Community Involvement					

Written Recommendation

Please describe why you believe this applicant deserves the Fannin County Fair Board Legacy Scholarship.

Recommendation

- ☐ Highly Recommend
- ☐ Recommend
- ☐ Recommend with Reservations
- ☐ Do Not Recommend

Certification

I certify that the information provided is truthful and reflects my honest evaluation of the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommender 2 Information for _____ (applicant's name)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant (no family): _____

Examples: Teacher, Principal, Counselor, Coach

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant

Category	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Avg.	N/A
Character					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Dependability					
Communication					
Work Ethic					
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Written Recommendation

Please describe why you believe this applicant deserves the Fannin County Fair Board Legacy Scholarship.

Recommendation

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☐ Recommend
☐ Recommend with Reservations
☐ Do Not Recommend

Certification

I certify that the information provided is truthful and reflects my honest evaluation of the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Recommendation forms may be returned with the students' application or submitted directly to the Fannin County Fair Board by the published deadline.

Email: fannincountyfair@gmail.com