



Shamrock Shows Educational Scholarship Program - 2009 Big Fresno Fair

Statement of Purpose:

Shamrock Shows is very interested in the youth of today. We realize that they are the key to our future and that their success is directly related to the help, guidance and direction they receive from their mentors. Their ideas and solutions to the challenges and problems facing the world will be the foundation of progress for years to come. The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and they need and deserve every opportunity to continue their education.

This program will offer three local students a chance they might not otherwise have or assist them with financial support with their future education.

Joe and Chantal Blash and the entire Shamrock Shows team are proud to offer three (3) \$1,000 scholarships and plaques to be awarded either during or after the 2009 Big Fresno Fair. The requirements for these scholarships are as follows:

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Open to graduating High School Seniors or continuing University, Junior College or Trade School students.
2. Open to students who plan to attend or are attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution or trade school of their choice.
3. Open to applicant's choice of college major or field of study.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete and submit the attached application form, along with the additional items below.
2. Write and submit a one (1) page, typed autobiography that includes past, present and future fair involvement.
3. Write and submit an essay between 500 and 1,000 words, typed and double spaced, on the following topic: "In your opinion, is the water crisis on the Westside of the Central Valley manmade or natural? Also, how has the crisis affected our Valley communities and what, if any, resolution would you propose for all or one of the issues that have resulted from the water shortage?"
4. Submit a copy of your most recent High School or College transcript or report of grades, which shows your cumulative grade point average.
5. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation that are not from family members.
6. Attach a picture of yourself to your application form.

Applicants will be required to participate in an interview on Monday, October 12th conducted by The Big Fresno Fair Scholarship Committee to answer questions that may arise from autobiographies, essays and/or applications, and to evaluate the applicants on their ability to present themselves (character & poise).

The winners of the scholarships will be based on the following criteria:

1. Applicant's essay and autobiography content, form, grammar, and spelling.
2. Applicant's overall grade point average.
3. Applicant's involvement in school
4. Applicant's involvement in the community.

Deadline for Application: September 14, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.

The Fair must RECEIVE your application packet and essay before the deadline, either by mail or hand delivered! Postmarks will NOT be accepted! Send or deliver to:

Stacy Rianda, Deputy Manager
Big Fresno Fair
1121 S. Chance Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702



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Application Form

Be Sure To Attach Other Items Required To This Application Before Submitting

Applicant:

First, Middle and Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ SS#: _____

School:

Name and address of high school, college, or trade school you are now attending: _____

Year in School: (Circle One) High School Senior OR College/Trade School 1 2 3 4

If a high school graduate, name and address of high school: _____

_____ Date of Graduation: _____

If currently in high school, name of college or trade school you plan to attend following graduation:

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (Attach a copy of your most recent High School or College transcript or report of grades, which shows your cumulative grade point average)

Field in which you are majoring or plan to major: _____

Your reasons for choosing this field of study: _____

Family (Only Required If Applicant Is A Minor):

Father's Name & Address: _____

Mother's Name & Address: _____

Guardian's Name & Address (if applicable): _____

Other:

Describe why you are interested in this scholarship: _____

List below the community service and/or volunteer activities you are currently involved in or have been involved in during your high school career. (Attach additional pages if necessary): _____

List special achievements, awards and other recognition you have received. (Attach additional pages if necessary):

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be true and correct:

Signature of Applicant

Date