



Sweeny FFA Alumni

Scholarship Application

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Eligibility - Any graduating senior from Sweeny High School in good standing, who has been an active member of Sweeny FFA for a minimum of two years will be eligible; provided they have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. The student does not have to be majoring in the field of agriculture. Consideration will be given to “new/transfer” students with less than two years provided they are active in vocational Agricultural classes and alumni fundraising for the period they are enrolled at Sweeny High School. **Applicant’s families must participate in the annual fundraiser by selling a minimum of three raffle tickets per family during the years they are in FFA. This fundraiser is how we raise the money to provide the scholarships.**

1. Each year scholarships will be given to applicants selected by the scholarship committee. The number of scholarships awarded, and the amounts will depend on the financial status of the Alumni. The first installment of the scholarship will be paid out to the recipient when he/she submits proof of being enrolled at a college, university, or technical school as a full-time student taking a minimum of 12 hours to the Treasurer of the Sweeny FFA Alumni. The final installment of the scholarship will be paid out the following semester when proof of enrollment as a full-time student taking a minimum of 12 hours and transcript showing a minimum GPA of 2.5 is provided to the Treasurer of the Sweeny FFA Alumni. If these conditions are not met the remaining award will be forfeited.
2. Applications will be screened by the FFA Scholarship Committee. Applicants will be appraised on the following criteria. Application, Participation, Accomplishments, Community Service, Interview, and parental involvement with the FFA Alumni; using a rubric to maintain consistency.
3. The committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) alumni members. No parent of a graduating senior FFA student shall serve on the Scholarship Committee.
4. Alternate(s) (if applicable) will be chosen and in the event of winner becoming ineligible prior to commencement of payment or choosing to not accept it. The alternate becomes the recipient.
5. Applications must be postmarked by March 15th of the current year Application must have all required documentation and signatures to be considered.
6. Each applicant is required to fill out an application and participate in an interview with the scholarship committee.
7. A copy of their current transcript must accompany the application.
8. Application and all supporting documentation must be enclosed in an 8-1/2” x 11” sealed manila envelope. This should be mailed to Sweeny FFA Alumni c/o Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 861 Sweeny, TX 77480. **Must be postmarked no later than March 15th of the calendar year of application.** A checklist has been provided in this application to ensure all required documentation is submitted.

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9. Scholarship amounts are determined by the Alumni based on a percentage of that school year's fundraiser and can be amended by a vote of the alumni. The total amount once set is divided amongst recipients using their ranking in the process and the recommendation of the scholarship committee and approved by the President or his/her designee.

10. A Buckle Scholarship(s) is awarded as well to the top applicant(s). This scholarship is possible due to the buckle(s) auctioned off during the annual fundraiser. It is awarded in the amount the buckle(s) sell(s) for to the top applicant(s). If no buckles are sold this scholarship is not awarded. If there is not a recipient, that year the money will be carried over to the following year.

11. The recipient is expected to start drawing the scholarship upon graduation and enrollment in college or a trade school. If they do not start drawing it immediately, they must inform the Alumni in writing of the circumstances behind the delay within 4 months of receiving scholarship if not award will be forfeited. If an extension is given withdrawals shall be initiated within 18 months of date awarded, or the total amount awarded will be forfeited. If applicant has enlisted in the armed forces or due to medical issues this period maybe extended upon approval by the Alumni Officers.

12. The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the FFA Banquet and presented at the school Awards ceremony by the FFA alumni club President or designee.

13. Alumni Contact Information – Feel free to contact for further information or with offers to volunteer, join, or help. You do not need to have an agricultural background. Just a desire to help the FFA Students become tomorrow's leaders.

Sweeny FFA Alumni
P.O. BOX 861
Sweeny, Texas 77480
Sweenyffaalumni@gmail.com

14. The Sweeny FFA Alumni operates as a 501C3 organization under the Texas and National FFA organization. Our purpose is to provide scholarships and to assist with the needs of the department. In our short time in existence, we have given back over \$80,000.00 dollars in scholarships.

I understand the terms of the guidelines.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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General Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Age _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____
Street or Rural Route City, Zip Code

Are you an active Member of Sweeny FFA in good standing for a minimum of two years? YES NO

Are you in good academic standing with Sweeny High School? YES NO

Father's Name and Address: _____
Name Address

Mother's Name and Address: _____
Name Address

Have you been accepted for admission to a college or university? _____

If not already accepted, have you made application(s) for admission? _____ Date applied _____

If no application for admission has been made, date you plan to make application _____

Field in which you plan to study _____

Proposed career path _____

AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION (To be completed by your Agricultural Science Teacher)

1. Number of semesters of Agricultural Science applicant has completed at the end of this school year _____

2. List Agricultural Science completed and grade average ~~(if not offered complete with N/A):~~

Course - _____ Grade - _____ Course - _____ Grade - _____

Course - _____ Grade - _____ Course - _____ Grade - _____

Course - _____ Grade - _____ Course - _____ Grade - _____

Course - _____ Grade - _____ Course - _____ Grade - _____

3. Applicant's present degree in FFA _____

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FFA Leadership Activities

A. FFA Offices Held (If any)

School Year	FFA Office	<u>Level of Participation</u>					Months of Service
		Greenhand	Chapter	Dist.	Area	State	

B. Individual FFA honors won, outstanding achievements, special outstanding recognitions etc. Include individual livestock, land, crop, etc., judging honors (not team honors), special awards, delegate to conventions, public speaking, exhibiting livestock and crops, FFA Foundation Award Showmanship, FFA degrees, and other individual FFA honors. Indicate level of achievement.

School Year	FFA Achievements	Local	County	Dist.	Area	State	Natl.

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FFA Leadership Activities

- C. Participation of FFA Teams (list such activities as leadership teams, judging teams, talent teams, etc.

School Year	FFA Team	<u>Level of Participation (Indicate Placing)</u>				
		Local	District	Area	State	National

- D. Other activities sponsored by the FFA. Include committees served on, radio, TV activities, educational tours, FFA Banquets, preparing chapter exhibits, FFA Camp, leadership schools, (Do not duplicate activities in Part A, B, or C)

School Year	Other Activity	Duty or Responsibility

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Outside Activities

- A. Offices Held Outside the FFA. (Include such items as class officer, yearbook, school paper, church, youth group, other youth groups, sport team officer, band, choir, National Honor Society, other clubs, etc.

School Year	Organization and Office	<u>Level of Participation</u> (local, district, State, etc.)

- B. Individual Honors Won Outside the FFA. (Include such items as scholarships, outstanding achievement recognition, special awards, outstanding student or community awards, 4-H awards, etc.) (Do not duplicate items in A above)

School Year	Award of Honor	<u>Level of Participation</u> (local, district, State, etc.)

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Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation

Provide a brief statement about the applicant detailing why they would be a good candidate for this scholarship (citizenship, character, class participation, etc.).

Note: This may be written or typed on a separate page and included with the application.

Statement of Eligibility

A signed statement of eligibility (Transcript) Showing current GPA must be included with your application.

Must be signed by the principal, counselor, or registrar.

Student is academically eligible to receive the Scholarship according to SHS records.

Class Placing or GPA _____ **Signed** _____

Principal, Counselor or Registrar

Date: _____ **Printed** _____

Please provide a signed copy of transcript to student to include with their application.

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Give to AG Teacher. Ag Teacher will return this to Alumni by March 15th.

AG Teachers Evaluation of Applicant

- 0 Not Acceptable
- 1 Well below average
- 2 Below average
- 3 Average
- 4 Above Average
- 5 Excellent Candidate

Note: May grade in 10ths (ex.2.5) if you feel they are in between two scores.

Give a score on each category listed below and average those scores. Record the Average score in your respective blank on the score sheet. Once scoring is completed record scoring results on the official record copy of the scholarship Application for each candidate. Individual copies of the Application will be shredded once selections are made.

Score:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| A. Attendance | _____ |
| B. Participation – How active was applicant in class | _____ |
| C. Performance – Grades | _____ |
| D. Community Service – Citizenship | _____ |
| E. Participation – extracurricular, CDE, LDE, SAE, etc. | _____ |

AG Teacher Average Score: _____

Comments.

Signed _____ Print _____ Date: _____

**Do not return to the student / applicant. Return to the Alumni
Scholarship Committee**

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Scholarship Applicant Checklist

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ A signed statement of eligibility (Transcript) Showing current GPA must be included with your application. Must be signed by the principal, counselor, or registrar.
- ☐ Any other supporting Documentation
- ☐ 8-1/2" x 11" Manila envelope
- ☐ Address the envelope to:
Sweeny FFA Alumni
C/O Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. BOX 861
Sweeny, Texas 77480
- ☐ Place all documents in the manila envelope and seal it.
- ☐ **Scholarship Application MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 15th of the current year. While not required certified mail is an option to give you feedback that your application was received.**

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date: _____

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Grading Criterion

- 6 Not Acceptable
- 7 Well below average
- 8 Below average
- 9 Average
- 10 Above Average
- 11 Excellent Candidate

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	Score:
A. Application – Completeness and Neatness	_____
B. Participation – How active was applicant in club activities	_____
C. Accomplishments – Degrees or Awards received	_____
D. Community Service – Citizenship and participation	_____
E. Interview – content, interaction, etc.	_____
F. AG Teacher averaged rating	_____
G. Parental involvement in the FFA Alumni	_____
Average Score:	_____

Note: Transfer the average score to the score sheet.

For Scholarship Committee use only

Score Sheet

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Scholarship Committee Members:**

The following is a listing of the Sweeny FFA Alumni scholarship committee chosen by the Alumni membership to review the application submissions for the _____ school year and select the recipients for the present year scholarships.

Print Name

Printed Name

Sign Name

Sign Name

Print Name

Printed Name

Sign Name

Sign Name

Print Name

Sign Name

Alumni President:

I acknowledge the scholarship committee assembled by the Sweeny FFA Alumni membership.

Print Name

Date

Sign Name