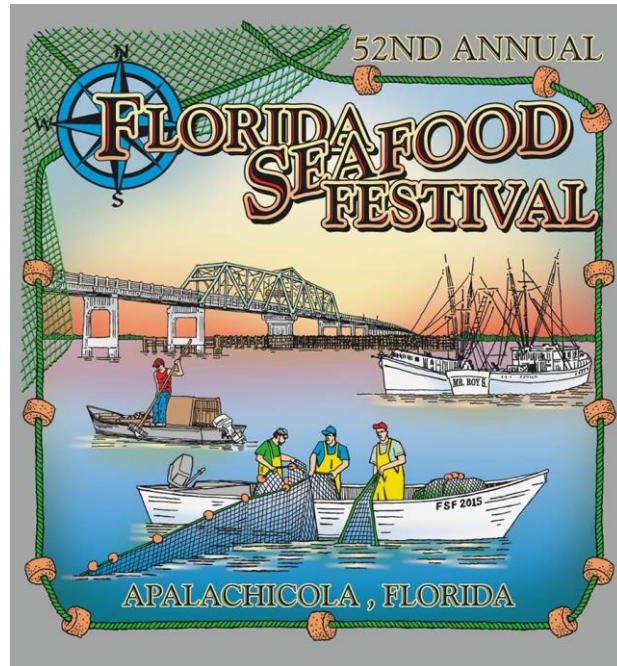


2025  
Florida Seafood Festival  
Scholarship Program



Application and Conditions  
2025

## Florida Seafood Festival Scholarship Program

### Introduction

The Florida Seafood Festival is a group of civic-minded volunteers which annually promotes the area's maritime heritage by hosting a celebration of the area's seafood industry. Money raised during the course of the annual festival are channeled back into the community through nonprofit organizations whose members work food booths or gate positions at the festival.

This scholarship program is intended to provide one or more Franklin County students with a scholarship as deemed appropriate by the Board but not to exceed \$1,000 to assist in his/her postsecondary undergraduate study at an accredited public or private junior college or university or in his/her continued education at an accredited vocational school.

The recipient(s) will be chosen by the members of the Florida Seafood Festival. Nominees will be ranked by: grade-point average, civic and school activities, leadership activities, letters of recommendation, and results of a submitted essay. The scholarship award must be used exclusively for tuition, books, and appropriate expenses and supplies.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Must graduate from Franklin County High School.
2. Has applied to or will apply to an accredited public or private college or university, or vocational training institute.
3. Must submit a high school transcript (grades 9-12) that includes seventh semester cumulative grade point average (un-weighted) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
4. Show participation in school and civic activities as well as leadership abilities.
5. Must submit two letters of recommendation that relate to the students' scholastic abilities, leadership role, and civic and school activities. List awards, clubs, offices held, civic groups involved in and educational achievements.
6. Submit a one-page typewritten essay expressing their goals, educational interests, and the importance of being involved in the marine science, commercial fishing or maritime vocation industry and how these goals could benefit Franklin County.

## Application Process

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A completed scholarship application (attached) and all documentation (letters, transcript, essay, etc.) must be submitted and post marked no later than April 30, 2025 to the Florida Seafood Festival.

Mail the information to Florida Seafood Festival, P.O. Box 758, Apalachicola, FL 32329. The committee may request a personal interview of applicants if necessary.

## Award Conditions

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The scholarship award shall be made in the following manner.

- (a) A scholarship selection committee composed of Festival Board members shall be established to review each application and the supporting documentation received by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. This committee shall select the recipient(s) prior to graduation ceremonies. Qualification determination is within the discretion of the Florida Seafood Festival. All decisions are final.
- (b) The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient during the awards ceremony at the recipient's high school graduation program. The recipient will receive a certificate of award and award letter from the Florida Seafood Festival at graduation.
- (c) The number of scholarships awarded may vary from year to year depending on funds available for this program.
- (d) The recipient must submit proof of enrollment/registration to receive the funds. This will be completed through the student 1<sup>st</sup> Semester grades.
- (e) The award must be used for tuition, books, and appropriate supplies related to attendance at a post-secondary institution.

## Disbursement Conditions

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Disbursement of the monetary award will be made upon receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades from an accredited institution.

## Forfeiture

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- (a) The recipient shall forfeit the scholarship if he or she fails to show proof of grades from an accredited post-secondary institution at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- (b) In the event of forfeiture/disqualification, the scholarship will roll over to the next scholarship year.

# Florida Seafood Festival Scholarship Program Application

Answer all the questions to the best of your ability and follow all instructions completely. Submit the completed application, post marked by April 30, 2025.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_  
of Parents/Guardians Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Occupations \_\_\_\_\_

5. School Information Franklin County High School \_\_\_\_\_ (850)670-2800 \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor Mrs. Melanie Copeland \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of years attended schools in Franklin County \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Post-Secondary Institutions you have applied to as a full-time student:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ anticipated Date of College Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

8. List any academic awards received in grades 9-12. (Limit your response to the space provided)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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9. List any leadership activities including offices held in grades 9-12. (Limit your response to the space provided)

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10. List any school activities (clubs, athletics, etc.) including offices held for grades 9-12. (Limit your response to the space provided.)

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11. Describe any civic/community involvement during grades 9-12. (Limit your response to the space provided.)

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12. List names and addresses of those submitting letters of recommendation below. References should include at least two from teachers or counselor at your school. References should be nonrelatives. Each letter should relate to at least one of the categories above (participation in school activities, leadership roles or civic/community activities) and be submitted to the FSF by April 30, 2025.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Attach a one-page essay expressing your goals, educational interests, and the importance of being involved in the community and how these goals could benefit Franklin County.

14. **STUDENT CERTIFICATION:**

I have read and understand the conditions of this application. The information contained in this application is true, complete and correct.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT: Submit application to Florida Seafood Festival, P.O. Box 758, Apalachicola, FL 32329. The completed application and all necessary documentation must be postmarked by April 30, 2025 in order for the applicant to be considered for an award.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Seventh Semester Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's High School Transcript must be included with their application.

Signature of High School Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Affix School Seal \_\_\_\_\_