



2026 CHARLES E. LARNER FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____
(Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Email: _____

A. High School(s) attended in last three (3) years:

School _____ Date: _____
School _____ Date _____
School _____ Date: _____

B. Name of school or college for which you request scholarship:

C. Father or Guardian: _____

Address: _____
(Town) (State) (Zip Code)

D. Mother or Guardian: _____

Address: _____
(Town) (State) (Zip Code)

E. In a 250 word essay answer the question of the year, stated in the Charles E. Lerner Family Foundation Application Guidelines.

F. Have you or your parents been involved with Topsfield Fair as a worker, a volunteer, or an exhibitor? ___ Name _____ # of Years _____
Which Department? _____ Please explain type of involvement:



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I. References:

Academic: Name _____
Relationship _____
Address _____
Email _____

Employment: Employer _____
Supervisor _____
Address _____
Email _____

Personal: Name _____
Address _____
Email _____

Please enclose a letter of recommendation from one of your high school teachers.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT'S CERTIFICATION:

We have checked this application for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this application is complete and correct.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to student: _____

Prior to April 1st, please email to: nancy@topsfieldfair.org or postal mail to: James O'Brien, Topsfield Fair, P. O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983



John S. Hall, II
PRESIDENT

James P. O'Brien
GENERAL MANAGER

Charles E. Larner Family Foundation

2026 Scholarship Award

Application Guidelines

The Larner Foundation exists to promote Agriculture through Scholarships, Education using Sustainable Farming Practices, promoting the Family Farm, and offering special help to Children when and where we can.

This year the Foundation will offer multiple Awards. The value will be \$2,000.00 each, paid directly to your school, at the second semester.

This is a Non-Academic Award.

You must have worked on a farm or in that field for one growing season or have been involved in FFA or 4-H for 2 years to be eligible. You must provide us with the name of employer and job description, and one employer reference, or proof of participation in the FFA or 4-H.

A 250- word essay will be required, answering the question of the year. The question for 2026 is:

From your agricultural work, FFA or 4H participation during your high school career, what are the two most important sustainable practices you will take with you and use for the rest of your life, and why?

Any questions can be addressed to the Society (nancy@topsfair.org) or directly to the Larner Foundation.

The deadline for applications is April 1st.

The mailing address and contact information for the Society is:

Scholarship Application
Attention: James P. O'Brien
P. O. Box 134
Topsfield, MA 01983

Essex Agricultural Society

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**2026 ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Includes Essex County Farm Bureau & Essex County Fruit Growers Association

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

 _____ (Town) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

Email: _____

A. High School(s) attended in last three (3) years:

School	_____	Date:	_____
School	_____	Date	_____
School	_____	Date:	_____

B. Name of school or college for which you request scholarship:

C. Father or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

 _____ (Town) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

D. Mother or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

 _____ (Town) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

E. Please attach sheet explaining why you believe you are a good candidate for this scholarship.

F. Have you or your parents been involved with Topsfield Fair as a worker, volunteer, or exhibitor? _____ Name _____ # of Years _____ Which Department? _____ Please explain type of involvement:

_____ family member affiliated with the Essex County Farm Bureau?

_____ family member affiliated with the Essex County Fruit Growers?
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Address _____
Email _____

Please enclose your high school transcripts (including GPA and class standing) along an up-to-date resume. Well-rounded students are encouraged to apply.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT'S CERTIFICATION:

We have checked this application for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this application is complete and correct.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to student: _____

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Essex Agricultural Society DBA Topsfield Fair offers scholarships annually to *well-rounded students*. The Essex Agricultural Society has awarded over \$65,000.00 in scholarship aid to qualified students throughout the county. This year, EAS will again distribute scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 paid directly to your school, at the second semester of your freshman year and within 12 months of when the recipient was awarded. The Society also administers scholarships for the Essex County Farm Bureau and the Essex County Fruit Growers Association.

A copy of your high school transcript is required, although we look at all the activities and volunteer performances of the individual in order to base the decision of award.

Any questions can be addressed to the Essex Agricultural Society. Our contact information: nancy@topsfieldfair.org or by phone: 978-887-5000.

The deadline for applications is April 1st.

Please send your application (available online www.topsfieldfair.org) and supporting documentation to: nancy@topsfieldfair.org or by postal mail to:

Scholarship Application
ATTN: James P. O'Brien
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Topsfield, MA 01983

Checklist of Requirements

- Completed Application
- High School Transcript (including GPA and class standing)
- Up-to-date Resume
- Essay – Section E on the Application

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