

## WILLIAM & ELLEN ANN VANDERWENDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is being presented by the family, in memory of William and Ellen Vanderwende, who both enjoyed the Delaware State Fair (DSF) and felt that higher education was important. It will be presented at the Herdsmen's Breakfast, which is normally held the final Saturday of the Delaware State Fair.

### Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of the Scholarship:

- A rising college junior or senior. Must have completed a minimum of 60 college credits. Any major is acceptable.
- A current junior exhibitor in the Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Swine or Beef Departments of the DSF.
- You can only receive this scholarship one time.

### How to Apply:

- Complete the application below. Please include a cover letter expressing your desire to be considered for this scholarship.
- Prepare a one-page, double-spaced, size 12 font essay. The topic is "lessons learned from your livestock project" or "how the project has helped you to achieve your goals".
- At least one letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with your participation in the livestock project.
- Include a college transcript. It can be an unofficial copy.

### Applicants will be Evaluated Based on the Following Criteria:

- Fair participation; your livestock project will be the primary consideration, but also total fair involvement
- Quality of your college GPA
- Originality of essay

### Award Amount:

- In 2026, the scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,000. A check will be disbursed in August made payable to the scholarship recipient and the college/university.

### Submission Packet Should Include:

- Cover Letter
- Application
- Essay
- Transcript from Current College/University
- Letter of Recommendation
- List of Entries Per Department by Year from Previous Years' Fairs and List of Livestock Entries for 2026 Delaware State Fair

**APPLICATION**

**2026-2027 Academic Year**

Complete (type or print) responses to all items. If an item is “not applicable”, or if the answer is “none”, please indicate.

Completed applications must be received at The Delaware State Fair Office no later than 4:30PM on Friday June 26, 2026.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_F

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of College Graduation (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution Attending in 2026-2027 \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian (if same as above, write “same”) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No. of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must complete/gather the required materials and mail, email or fax to Alicia Sturgis, The Delaware State Fair, P.O. Box 28, Harrington, DE 19952, [Alicia@thestatefair.net](mailto:Alicia@thestatefair.net), 302-398-5030 (fax) so that it is received on or before 4:30PM on Friday June 26, 2026.