



Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.

Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship Program

2026

*Scholarship Opportunity for Quality Youth Of
Kendall County*

**An Investment In The Future Of
Kendall County**



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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

In an effort to recognize outstanding quality youth of Kendall County, the Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. has established the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship Program. Any high school senior who is a candidate for graduation in the year 2026 is eligible and is encouraged to apply for the scholarship. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Kendall County and never been convicted of a criminal offense.

The Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship Program was implemented in 2008 and the first recipient(s) was awarded in 2014. The Scholarship is only funded by donations or sponsorship and/or proceeds from raffles and other fundraising opportunities held and sponsored during the fiscal year by the Kendall County Fair Association. The amount and how many scholarship(s) are awarded are based on net yearly proceeds of funding opportunities. Since 2014 Homestead Heritage Scholarship(s) has been awarded to twenty graduating seniors from Kendall County. The Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarships was not awarded in 2019 or in 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are excited to present the Homestead Heritage Scholarship(s) in 2026.

If awarded the Homestead Heritage Scholarship the scholarship can be used for the fall, spring and/or summer semester during the year immediately following the individual's selection as the scholarship recipient. Awarded scholarship funds have to be directly mailed to your chosen College, University, Junior College or TEA-Approved Trade School that offers an associate degree. If the scholarship recipient does not utilize available scholarship funds within three years after being awarded the scholarship is forfeited and the scholarship funds will be retained by the Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. for future scholarship use.

The scholarship application will be reviewed and judged by the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship Committee of which may include an organization or individuals (Outside of Kendall County) to select the scholarship recipient(s). Selection of the recipient(s) will not be based on sex, race, religion, financial need, and/or class rank or scholastic major. Each applicant will be evaluated on the basis of his or her application eligibility and criteria points that include KCFA Fair Involvement, Community Involvement, Scholastic Ability and Financial Need. Applicant he or she will receive preference and extra points for the following. Applicant is a Junior Member of the KCFA; active member of his/her local FFA or 4-H Chapters and applicant has been an exhibitor in the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall. Applicant must submit a handwritten three hundred word essay on subject noted in application. If awarded the scholarship and applicant is not a Junior Member the recipient will be granted a Junior Membership into the Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. When he or she turns eighteen years of age the Junior Membership converts over to an Adult Lifetime Member of the Kendall County Fair Association.

Completed application must be post marked by April 1st, 2026. Contact Marilyn Culak at kmculak@gvtc.com or call 830-537-4096 for more information.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Culak-Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Director
Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.

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An IRS designated 501(c)3 corporation with over 100 years of service to the Hill Country Community through agricultural education, youth development and community empowerment.



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2026 Homestead Heritage Scholarship Application

Eligibility

1. Any graduating Senior living in Kendall County and attending school at Boerne High School, Champion High School, Geneva School, Comfort High School, Any Private Or Home School Program Are Eligible And Encouraged To Apply.

Preferences

Applicants Will Be Given These Preferences:

1. Applicant Is A Junior Member Of The Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.
2. Applicant Is A Current Active Member Of Local FFA OR 4-H Chapters.
3. Applicant Has Been an Exhibitor in the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall And/ Or The Livestock Show during the Kendall County Fair.
4. Applicant Is Pursuing A Career In Agricultural/Ag Business, Horticultural, Floriculture, Art, Photography, Taxidermy, Any Field of Home Related Arts to Include or Not Limited to Handicrafts and Life Skills.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION/SIGNATURE SHEET

Name: _____

Date Of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Contact Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you're A Junior Member of the Kendall County Fair Association? ___No ___Yes

Would You Like To Become A Junior Member? ___No ___Yes

Are You A Current Member Of Your Local FFA or 4-H Chapter(s)? ___No ___Yes

Name of Parents or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Address If Different From Applicant: _____

Name of Graduating High School: _____

Date of Graduation from High School: _____

I Am Pursuing a Career In: _____

In Twenty Five Words or Less Why Are You Pursing This Career: _____

_____?

Name of College/University And /Or Trade School I Will Be Attending:

ACTIVITIES

Kendall County Fair

Have You Volunteered Or Participated As An Exhibitor During The Kendall County Fair?

___No ___Yes

If Yes, Describe Your Participation Prior Or During The Fair.

School

Have You Participated In High School Activities? ___No ___Yes

If Yes, Please List below Major Activities, Achievements and Honors That Indicate Sponsorship and Leadership.

Community Involvement

Have You Participated In Other Community Activities Other Than The Kendall County Fair?

___No ___Yes

If Yes, Please List Below Organizations And Your Activity In The Organization(s).

Letters of Reference

Attach two (2) required letters of personal reference (Not Relatives). One recommendation letter must be from instructor or academic advisor from a school attended in the previous 12 months and one recommendation letter from a personal or community reference. Recommendation letters should not be written by a relative, which is defined as a parent, grandparent or sibling.

Essay

Please handwrite and attach a short 300 word essay on:
"What the Kendall County Fair Means To Me and the Community"

Scholarship Notes

1. Applicant Must Select An Accredited College Or University.
2. Scholarship Award Must Be Used For Tuition, Class/Laboratory Fees And/ Or Textbooks.
3. Scholarship Award Check Will Be Issued To College or University Of Recipient with the Student's Name Following Receipt of Proof of Enrollment and a Statement Showing Amount Owed.
4. Reimbursements For Textbooks May Be Directly Paid To Recipient (Provides A Receipt).
5. Scholarship Recipient Is Responsible For Providing This Information to the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Director of the Kendall County Fair Association Before Any Payments Will Be Paid Directly To Named College, University Or Individual.
6. Scholarship Funds Must Be Requested With In a Three (3) Year Period from August 2025. Unused Amounts after That Time Are Returned To the Kendall County Fair Association-Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship Funds.
7. Scholarship Application Must Be Received And Post Marked On Or Before April 1, 2026.
8. Scholarship Application Must Be Completed And Mailed To:

Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.
C/o Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship
Attn: Marilyn Culak
143 Pfeiffer Rd.
Boerne, Texas 78006

Applicants High School
Guidance Counselor Form

Must Be Completed By Applicants High School Guidance Counselor and Returned With Applicant's Application On or Before April 1,2026. Please Complete the Information Listed Below In Full So This Student's Application Can Be Considered For the Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship.

Student's Name: _____

Indicate Student's Rank in High School; _____

Number of Students in Class: _____

GPA During High School: _____

SAT Score: _____

Please Attach A Transcript Of Grades And Accumulated Average From Applicants Senior Year.

Please Make Further Comments Which You Feel Will Be Useful In Making the Selection Of The Named Applicant for Committee's Consideration.

Date

Signature of Guidance or Counselor