



Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.

Karen Rust Memorial Livestock Scholarship

In memory and honor of "Karen Rust" Past Director/Senior Director, the Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. has established the Karen Rust Memorial Livestock Scholarship to be awarded annually to an outstanding Graduating Senior that has participated or is participating as an exhibitor in showing his/her animal(s) in the Kendall County Livestock Show during the annual Kendall County Fair as a 4-H or FFA local chapter(s) member.

Karen Rust was her Dad's (Otto Rust) assistant for many years as Livestock Director for the Kendall County Fair Association. A Livestock Scholarship was set up, but never materialized. In 2005 her dad passed away and Karen followed in her dad's footsteps organizing and directing the Livestock Show annually during the Kendall County Fair until her death in 2008. In 2008 the Livestock Scholarship was dissolved by the Board of directors due to no activity and to establish the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship in its place and existing funds was transferred into the account of the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship. The Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall Scholarship is also awarded annually to outstanding young adults from Kendall County Schools and is funded by the Annual Community Garage Sale and donations from the public.

In 2024 Robin and Bridgett Bergmann approached the KCFA to volunteer their time and expertise of their knowledge of raising and showing sheep and goats for many years with their children and grandchildren, along with their warm and nurturing love of children, they wanted to give back to the children of the community, they offered the Kendall County Fair Association to Chair the Livestock Show during the Annual Livestock Show held during the Annual Kendall County Fair. The Kendall County Fair Association accepted their offer and they have become instrumental in the success of the Livestock Show seeking sponsors, organizing/planning the show from promoting the show, engaging the exhibitors, contacting judges and most of all volunteering their time to keep this enduring tradition in force during the Kendall County Fair. Robin and Bridgett organize the Sheep and Goat Show and they work close with Stephen Zoller who heads up the Steer Show along with his group of volunteers. Stephen and his crew of helpers also are instrumental for the success of the Annual Livestock Show during the fair. The Kendall County Fair Association, Inc. is beyond grateful and appreciates all the work, time and expertise knowledge shared to the exhibitors during the Livestock Show from these individuals. Without these individuals there would be no Livestock Show during the Annual Kendall County Fair. If you happen to see any of these individuals during the Livestock Show at the Livestock Show Barn during the 120th Annual Kendall County Fair, please tell them "THANK YOU" and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Official Rules

Purpose: To help a deserving 2027 Graduating Senior from Kendall County Schools, BISD (Boerne) CISD (Comfort) Public, Home, and Private Schools). Applicant must be a current active registered 4-H or FFA Boerne/Comfort Chapter Member pursuing undergraduate studies of whom exemplifies community service along with commitment to animal health, responsibility handling of their animal(s) and their ability to demonstrate good showmanship and contributes a positive and safe environment for all exhibitors participating in showing his/her animal(s) in the Kendall County Livestock Show during the Annual Kendall County Fair Livestock Show.

The Award: The Kendall County Fair Association will award one (1) year scholarship annually of a designated amount depending on available funds in the account. Awarded dollar scholarship awarded no less than \$500.00. Winner will be notified on/or after April 15, 2027 by letter and/or email address listed on application.

Requirements:

- * A 2027 graduating high school senior residing in Kendall County Schools. (Public, Home School, Private School(s))
- * Have at least a cumulative 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale in high school at end of 2027 school year.
- * Be accepted to a college or institution of higher learning of his or her choice, and attend as a full-time Student within a three year period after graduation. After three years the scholarship will be revoked.
- * Have exhibited in the Annual Kendall County Fair Livestock Show present or past as a 4-H or FFA Local Member.
- * Have volunteered during the year at the BISD Show Barn or work day at the barn in prep of the KCFA Stock Show and/or any volunteer time for the Kendall County Fair Association in prep of the fair or during the fair.
- * Be a Lifetime Junior Member of the Kendall County Fair Association or Become A Lifetime Junior Member When Submitting this Application. Application along with \$10.00 Lifetime Membership fee and must be attached and submitted with this application. When junior member turns 18 years of age he/she automatically become an Adult Lifetime Member of the Kendall County Fair Association. An updated membership card will be mailed to address on application upon eighteenth birthday.
- * Complete a 300 word essay on the “Benefits of a County Fair Livestock Show”).
- * Provide two reference letters; one from a high school faculty member and one from an individual from the fair community, i.e. County Extension Agent, 4-H Advisor(s), FFA Advisor(s), Fair Committee Chairman or a Kendall County Fair Association Board Member. No immediate family member(s) reference letter(s) allowed.
- * Provide an Official High School Transcript reflecting cumulative GPA.
- * Complete application in its entirety with signature of applicant and school official.
- * Return application along with personal bio, essay, reference letters and transcript, postmarked no later than April 1, 2027 to Kendall County Fair Association, P.O. Box 954, Boerne, Texas, 78006 or send via email to kmculak@gvtc.com

Criteria:

Kendall County Fair Livestock Show Scholarship Purpose	50%
Kendall County Fair Association Current Junior Member	10%
Academics	10%
Extracurricular Activities	10%
Financial Need	10%

Essay

10%

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Personal Information

Student's Name: _____		
First	Middle	Last
Social Security Number: _____		Telephone: _____
Street Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Email Address: _____		

Educational Information

High School: _____	Graduation Date: _____
Cumulative GPA: _____	ACT and/ or SAT Score: _____
College You Plan To Attend: _____	Field Of Study: _____
Date Of Acceptance: _____	
Honors And Awards: _____	

*Attach Additional Sheet If Requires	

Kendall County Fair Participation

Year (s) Involved: _____	Total Number of Volunteer Hours: _____
Committee(s) Served	
Entries/Exhibits: _____	

