

MOSAIC YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR

Mosaic is proud to sponsor two \$1,500.00 scholarships for any college bound junior or senior student in high school who participates with a Youth Livestock Project at the 2024 Florida State Fair. Exhibitors are only eligible to win the scholarship one time.

Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievement, grade level, agriculture related involvement, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and an essay. Applicants must have demonstrated professionalism and good sportsmanship in all aspects of showing their project animal. Applicants will be interviewed by a selection committee and will be announced at the Champion of Champions dinner at the Fair.

Scholarships will be paid when the Fair receives proof of enrollment in a post High School Educational Program within the State of Florida. The initial collection of scholarship funds must be within two years of high school graduation.

Application packet must include:

- 1. Application form completely filled out.
- 2. A copy of current academic transcript.
- 3. A <u>handwritten or typed</u> essay (300-500 words) concerning the following topic: "We see that there are many issues that impact the availability of usable agriculture land. What are those issues and how can we better explain the importance of maintaining the availability of the land for agricultural use to this and future generations?" *Please make sure spelling and grammar are correct.*
- 4. Two letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from any of the following: 4-H Club Leader, FFA Advisor, or County Extension Agent. Letters of recommendation should be from persons who personally know the applicant and on letterhead, if possible.
- 5. Exhibitors will be contacted and a time to be interviewed will be scheduled.

Application deadline will be DECEMBER 1, 2023 (Hand delivered or postmarked).