



**2012 Blue Ribbon Scholarship Program**  
**Entry deadline: March 9, 2012**

**The Blue Ribbon Foundation (BRF)** and the **Western Fairs Association (WFA)** are pleased to announce the 2012 eligibility requirements and application process for the newly established **Blue Ribbon Scholarship Program**.

**How much is the scholarship?**

\$2,500

**Who is eligible?**

There are two eligible groups for this scholarship. One scholarship recipient will be selected from each group. **You may only apply in one category:**

1. Children and grandchildren of any fair-related business owner or key staff whose business had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.
2. Children and grandchildren of permanent fair staff whose fair had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

**Additional criteria:**

- Applicants must be entering their freshman year or be in attendance as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, technical school or community college.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher.

**How do I apply?**

Each applicant must submit one (1) set of originals and one (1) set of copies of each of the following required documents:

- A completed Blue Ribbon Scholarship application (available online at [www.westernfairs.org](http://www.westernfairs.org) or by calling 916-927-3100).
- A personal statement indicating why you are pursuing your desired career and life goals and detailing your involvement in school activities, and in community and volunteer service. Statement must be two pages and not more than three typed pages (double-spaced, 12pt. font).
- Official school transcript (accumulative and current).
- Two current letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a professional educator on letterhead. Only two recommendations will be considered.

**NOTE: Only complete packets with all above documents will be considered and judged.**

Application packets and their contents become the property of WFA. Complete application packets must be **postmarked or delivered** to Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815, **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.**

Awards announcement will be made on **July 6th**.

This program is offered in partnership with the **Friends of the California State Fair**, who will process the applications, and manage the selection and the awarding of funds. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their personal commitment and goals established for his/her chosen field, leadership potential, civic accomplishments, qualifications for category entered and the completeness of his/her application packet.



## 2012 Blue Ribbon Scholarship Application

The Blue Ribbon Scholarship program was founded in 2012 and is intended to support the network of fairs and their families by offering scholarships to motivate high-achievers in pursuit of their careers and life goals. This program is offered in partnership with the **Friends of the California State Fair**, who will process the applications, and manage the selection and the awarding of funds. Application packets must be postmarked or delivered to Western Fairs Association **NO LATER THAN 5p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012**. For additional information, please visit [www.westernfairs.org](http://www.westernfairs.org) or call (916) 927-3100.

A total of two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded, one to an applicant from each category. **Applicants are eligible for only one category. Please check one:**

1. Children and grandchildren of any fair-related business owner or key staff whose business had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Owner or Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Children and grandchildren of permanent fair staff whose fair had a minimum of five years of membership in Western Fairs Association.

Fair Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Applicant's Signature (*required*) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)*

College/University/Specialty Trade School you will be attending in the fall of 2012:

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## CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will be attending full-time a four-year California college or university or a two-year community college or a vocational trade school in the fall of 2012. I have read and understand the eligibility and application requirements of this Scholarship Program. I understand that if chosen, my scholarship award will be sent to the financial aid office of the college or university and proof of my enrollment must be provided to the scholarship committee prior to the award being given. **I have included two (2) separate complete sets of the application and all of the following required documents:** Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarship application; personal statement; official transcript from school (accumulative and current); and two current letters of recommendations – one must be from a professional educator and only two recommendations will be considered. **If a returning applicant, you must submit new letters of recommendation and must be from a different educator/person than those used in prior years of this scholarship competition.**

***Disclaimer: The Blue Ribbon Foundation reserves the right to change or update the content of all categories. Applicants will be notified of any changes and will have ample time to change his/her category if applicable.***

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_