**Harlingen South FFA Booster Club**

**Scholarship Application**

**Guidelines and Instructions**

The Harlingen South FFA Booster Club plans to award scholarships annually to deserving FFA students. Scholarships will be awarded based on available funding, the points earned and documented on the application, and the essay submitted. The total amount of scholarships budgeted for each year will be determined by the Booster Club at a regularly-held meeting and be documented in the minutes.

Established guidelines and instructions are as follows:

1. Applications must be completed and hand-delivered to the President or Treasurer of the Booster Club no later than the set deadline. **Due date: April 6th**, 2021. No late applications will be accepted.
2. All sections of the application must be completed, including required signatures.   
   Incomplete applications or submissions will not be accepted.   
   Please submit the following with your application:
   1. An unofficial copy of your transcript;
   2. Copies of letters of acceptance from colleges/universities/trade schools, as applicable;
   3. Two (2) letters of personal recommendation, *excluding* FFA Advisors and family members; and
   4. A typed essay of 200-400 words, titled “*FFA’s Influence on My Life*”.   
      The essay should be in MLA format. Do not type your name on the front of the essay – write it in pencil on the back. (See attached scoring rubric for the essay.)
3. The application is based on an established point system, with each applicable requirement or activity receiving a specified number of points. Points are based number of years in FFA, on academic and agriculture coursework and GPA, livestock and non-livestock projects, activities, awards, honors, and offices held. *A minimum total of 50 points is required to apply.*   
   (Note: Students will still receive points for livestock projects that expire within 30 days of Show for which they have been tagged/validated.)
4. The Booster Club Scholarship Committee reserves the right to interview each applicant. If an interview is conducted, the Committee will make reasonable efforts to arrange a time that is convenient for all parties involved.
5. The Scholarship Committee will consist of the following members, ensuring that the Committee consists of an odd number of members:
   1. One officer of the Booster Club (Officer cannot be related to a candidate).
   2. Two active Booster Club Members selected at large by the Booster Club at a regularly-scheduled meeting or via email (Members cannot be related to a candidate).
6. All information in the application is subject to verification by the Scholarship Committee before any recommendations are made.
7. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual Harlingen South FFA Awards Banquet and the campus’ annual Scholarship Night.

In order to apply, the following requirements must be met:

1. Student must be an active member in good standing of the Harlingen South FFA Chapter for a minimum of 2 years, completing at least 1 semester per year of Agriculture Education courses at Harlingen South High School.
2. Student must be enrolled in Harlingen South High School for the entirety of their Senior year and enrolled in an Agriculture Education course at least one semester of his/her Senior year.
3. Student must have an overall grade point average of a 2.5 (a ‘C’) on a 4.0 weighted scale at the end of their Senior year Fall Semester.
4. Student must have attended 50% of the FFA meetings and activities, according to the attendance records maintained by the Chapter Secretary.
5. FFA Club dues and their parent(s)/guardian(s)’s FFA Booster Club dues must be current.
   1. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must be paid members of the Booster Club for any year in which their child is a paid senior member (i.e., high school member) of the FFA.
6. In the event of a *transfer student*, the following guidelines apply:
   1. Agriculture Education credits will be determined by the student’s transcript.
   2. A letter of recommendation from the student’s former Ag teacher/sponsor, in a sealed envelope, in addition to the standard two other required letters of recommendation.
   3. The student must have completed or be in the process of completing at least 1 semester of Agriculture Education coursework at Harlingen South High School.
7. Students’ awards will be based on a point system. The system is as follows:
   1. Scholarship Application Participation Points: 50%
   2. Essay: 20%
   3. Recommendations: 20%
   4. Interview: 10%

Additionally, for students awarded a scholarship the following requirements must be met:

1. Scholarship must be used by January 31st in the year following high school graduation.
   1. If the recipient is not planning to use the scholarship during the first Fall Semester following graduation, he/she must notify the Harlingen South FFA Booster Club’s Treasurer and FFA Advisor(s), in writing, of the semester in which the scholarship will be used. If such written notice is not received by January 31st in the year following high school graduation, the scholarship will be forfeited.
   2. If unforeseen circumstances occur that prevent use of the funds by January 31st (illness, accident, called to duty of US military, etc.), the FFA Booster Club must be notified in writing. The Scholarship Committee will rule on such circumstances.
2. Prior to issuance of monies, the following must be submitted to the Booster Club’s Treasurer:
   1. Senior Picture;
   2. Proof of payment of tuition/fees at an accredited College/University/Technical School *and* the DOE Verification of Enrollment Form for that school; and
   3. Thank you letter to the FFA Booster Club.

The Booster Club’s Treasurer will maintain a copy of the scholarship(s) awarded by the Scholarship Committee to support payments made.

The FFA Club Chapter officer in charge of member attendance will prepare a list of students who have attended at least 50% of the FFA Meetings and Activities and deliver that list to the Booster Club President by no later than the set deadline, which will match the students’ application deadline, for verification by the Scholarship Committee.

The Booster Club Officers, at the end of each year, will prepare a list of parents/students who have participated in the various fundraising activities, as well as a list of parents who have become Booster Club Members, for use in validating that portion of the scholarship application. Information sharing with the FFA Advisors will be necessary to complete this phase of the recordkeeping (i.e., the membership roster of FFA Club).

Students and/or parents are encouraged to seek guidance from the Booster Club Officers, the Booster Club Scholarship Committee and/or the FFA Advisor(s).

The following disclosures apply:

1. Decisions of the Harlingen South FFA Booster Club’s Scholarship Committee are final.
2. The Booster Club reserves the right to determine the dollar amount and number of recipient(s) each year. If sufficient funding is not available, the Booster Club reserves the right to suspend the awarding of scholarships until sufficient fundraising goals are met.
3. This is not an academic or need-based scholarship. Scholarships are based on participation in FFA activities. The amount or quantity of other scholarships the student may have or will receive will not be a determining factor in the awarding of a scholarship from the Booster Club.
4. Race, color, national origin, sex, creed, religious affiliation, disability or any other legally protected status will never be a consideration for any decisions made by the Scholarship Committee.
5. Eligibility does not guarantee an award of scholarship.
6. Applications will not be returned to applicants and will be destroyed after the evaluation process is complete.

**Harlingen South FFA Booster Club**

**Scholarship Application**

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| **APPLICANT INFORMATION** *Please type or print clearly* | | | |
| Name: | | Date of Birth: | |
| Address: | | | |
| City: | | | Zip: |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: | | |
| Parent/Guardian Name(s): | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| City: | | | Zip: |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: | | |
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| **STUDENT CERTIFICATION** | | | |
| Grade Point Averages (submit copy of transcript): | | | |
| Academic GPA: | Ag Education GPA: | | |
| List Colleges/Universities/Trade Schools to which you have applied.  Include letters of acceptable as applicable. | | | |
| 1. | 3. | | |
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| What is your expected major? (Ag major is not required) | | | |
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| **REQUIRED SIGNATURES** | | | |
| I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification by the Harlingen South FFA Booster Club and that false information could lead to disqualification. | | | |
| Applicant’s Signature: | | | Date: |
| Parent/Guardian’s Signature: | | | Date: |
| I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application by the applicant is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed this application for any misinformation and found none. | | | |
| FFA Advisor’s Signature: | | | Date: |

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| ***APPLICANT NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** | | |
|  | | ***This column to be completed by the Scholarship Committee*** |
| **I. ACADEMICS** | |  |
| Grade Point Average (Min 2.5 (C) overall) | | Academic GPA Pts  (A: 20pts, B: 15pts; C: 10pts) |
| Academic GPA: | Ag Education GPA: | Ag Ed GPA Pts  (A: 25pts, B: 20pts; C: 15pts) |
| **II. FFA MEMBERSHIP** (5pts per year; 2yr minimum each) | |  |
| Years in FFA Program (Applicant): 🞎 9th 🞎 10th 🞎 11th 🞎 12th  Years in FFA Booster Club (Parent(s)): 🞎 9th 🞎 10th 🞎 11th 🞎 12th | | FFA Member Pts  Booster Club Pts |
| **III. PARTICIPATION IN FFA ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS** | |  |
| * + 1. **FFA-Sanctioned Career Development Event (CDE) Participation**   (Livestock Judging, Floriculture, Wildlife, etc.)   * + - 1. Area Level Participation (2pts per team) Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th   🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎   * + - 1. State Team Qualification (3pts per team) Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th   🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | |  |
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| CDE Area Pts |
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| CDE State Pts |
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| * + 1. **FFA Livestock Projects** (No credit for substitute showmen.   2pts per major show; max 8pts/project/year) | | Livestock Project Pts  (Max 40pts this section) |
| Project #1: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | |  |
| Project #2: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | |  |
| Project #3: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | |  |

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| Project #4: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| Project #5: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| * + 1. **FFA Non-Livestock Projects** (1pt per project per show) |  |
| Project #1: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Non-Livestock Project Points  (Max 40pts this section) |
| Project #2: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| Project #3: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| Project #4: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| Project #5: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
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| * + 1. **FFA Projects that sold at Major/County auctions/sales**  (not school show; excludes Commercial Heifer Auction(s)) |  |
| * + - 1. **Livestock Project Sales**  (5 pts per project)   Project #1: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #2: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #3: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #4: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #5: Animal Type:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Livestock  Project Sales Pts |
| * + - 1. **Non-Livestock Project Sales** (5 pts per project)   Project #1: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #2: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  Project #3: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Non-Livestock  Project Sales Pts |
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| Project #4: Type of Project:  Show: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 |  |
| **IV. ADDITIONAL FFA ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, HONORS AND OFFICES** |  |
| * 1. **Agricultural Community Service Projects**  (2pts per project per year)   Project: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Ag Community  Service Pts |
| * 1. **FFA Fundraising Activities** (2pts per activity per year)   Activity: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Fundraising Pts |
| * 1. **FFA Club, Area or District Offices Held** (5pts for each FULL term served)   Position/Office: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | FFA Officer Pts |
| * 1. **Ran for FFA Club, Area or District Office** (2pts for each candidate year)  (\*\*ran for office but was not elected)   Position/Office: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Officer  Candidate Pts |
| * 1. **FFA Clinics, Camps or Conventions Attended** (1pt per activity per year)   Clinic/Camp/Convention: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Clinics &  Camps Pts |

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| * 1. **FFA Leadership Development Events (LDE)** Participant or Substitute   (Creed Speaking, Quiz Team, Skills, etc.) (District: 2pts; Area: 3pts; State: 4pts)   * + - 1. District Level Participation (2pts per team) Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th   🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎   * + - 1. Area Level Participation (3pts per team) Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th   🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎   * + - 1. State Team Qualification (4pts per team) Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th   🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | LDE District Pts  LDE Area Pts  LDE State Pts |
| * 1. **Agricultural Honors and Awards** (2pts per honor per year) (i.e., Greenhand, Star, Proficiency Award; *not* livestock competition, CDE or LDE)   Honor/Award: Yr(s): 9th 10th 11th 12th  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎  🞎 🞎 🞎 🞎 | Ag Honors  & Awards Pts |
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Completed scholarship applications must be received by the FFA Booster Club President   
or FFA Booster Club Treasurer by the posted deadline. No late applications will be accepted.

**Harlingen South FFA Booster Club**

Candidate No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Application Scoring Sheet**

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| **Applicant’s FFA Meeting & Activity Attendance** 50% required & current dues | Y N |
| **Parents’ FFA Meeting & Activity Attendance** 50% required & current dues | Y N |
| **Ag Education Course Requirements Met** 1 sem/yr; min 2 yrs | Y N |
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| **Document Checklist** |  |
| Two letters of personal recommendation (from non-relatives, non-Ag Sponsors) | Y N |
| Completed application, including signatures | Y N |
| Transcript | Y N |
| Letters of Acceptance from Colleges/Universities/Trade Schools, as applicable | Y N |
| Essay | Y N |
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| **Application Component Scoring** | **Total Points** |
| I. Academics (Academic & Ag Ed GPAs) |  |
| II. FFA & Booster Club Membership min 20 pts (2 yrs) required |  |
| III. Participation in FFA Activities & Projects |  |
| 1. FFA-Sanctioned Career Development Event (CDE) Participation |  |
| 1. FFA Livestock Projects max 40 pts |  |
| 1. FFA Non-Livestock Projects max 40 pts |  |
| 1. FFA Livestock and Non-Livestock Project Sales |  |
| IV. Additional FFA Activities, Awards, Honors and Offices |  |
| 1. Agricultural Community Service Projects |  |
| 1. Agricultural Honors and Awards |  |
| 1. FFA Club, Area or District Offices Held |  |
| 1. Candidate for FFA Club, Area or District Office |  |
| 1. FFA Leadership Development Events (LDE) |  |
| 1. FFA Fundraising Activities |  |
| 1. FFA Clinics, Camps or Conventions |  |
| **Total Points x 50%:** |  |
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| **Essay Score Total from Rubric x 20%:** |  |
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| **Recommendation Score Total Points x 20%:** |  |
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| **Interview Score Total Points x 10%:** |  |
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| **Total Scholarship Application Score** |  |

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**Scholarship Application**

**Essay Scoring Rubric**

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| **Category** | **Score Point 3** | **Score Point 2** | **Score Point 1** |
| **Content** | Content related to prompt; shows evidence of creative, original thinking; clearly and effectively responds to prompt in unique way | Content related to prompt; shows an attempt at creative, original thinking; clearly responds to prompt | Content loosely related, or unrelated, to prompt; no evidence or original ideas; content is unclear or does not reply to prompt |
| **Ideas** | Demonstrates attention to details; fully supported with evidence; ideas are clear and logical | Demonstrates some attention to details; supported with some evidence; most of the ideas are clear and logical | Demonstrates very little attention to details; not supported with sufficient evidence; some ideas may be unclear or illogical |
| **Organization and Mechanics** | Few, if any, minor errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation; proper use of English language; organization moves smoothly from one idea to the next | Some errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation that do not detract from the meaning; use of the English language is mostly correct; some evidence of organization | Several errors in sentence structure, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation that detract from the meaning; improper use of the English language; little evidence of organization |

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| **Score Conversion Chart**  (Convert the score from this rubric to the right-hand column scale score and transfer the scale score to the scholarship application scoring sheet for use  in the final calculation). | |
| 9 points | 100 |
| 8 points | 90 |
| 7 points | 80 |
| 6 points | 70 |
| 5 points | 60 |
| 4 points | 50 |
| 3 points | 40 |
| 2 points | 30 |
| 1 point | 20 |

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