

MARLIN K. HOFF SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 1st, 2026

A \$2,000.00 scholarship will be offered to Maryland dairy youth who are currently enrolled or have been enrolled in the dairy project either through 4-H, FFA, or breed organizations.

Students must be pursuing a four-year degree at the college of their choice, enrolled in a post-secondary college, or enrolled in a trade school. Students must provide proof of enrollment to the Maryland State Fair office by August 1st of the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.

This scholarship is available to students entering their freshman through senior year of college.

The applicant is eligible to win this scholarship one time only.

The Marlin K. Hoff Scholarship will be awarded at the Maryland State Fair Holstein Futurity, Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 7PM in the Cow Palace.

Individuals may apply for the F. Grove Miller Maryland State Fair Scholarship, Marlin K. Hoff Scholarship, and the Kinsley Scholarship. However, students are only eligible to win one scholarship in the same year.

Send completed application
electronically to:
scholarshipinfo@marylandstatefair.com

MARLIN K. HOFF DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

City, County, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

University Attending or Planning to Attend _____

Year of School _____

Family Information:

Father _____ Occupation _____

Mother _____ Occupation _____

Sibling _____ Age _____ Attending College _____

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Academics: (Complete below AND include an unofficial transcript from High School/College. (Please scan and attach when submitting your application). An unofficial transcript is required.

Date of HS Graduation _____ High School _____

HS GPA _____

College:

College _____ College Major _____

College Grad Date _____ College GPA _____

Finance: College Expenses: Tuition _____ Room & Board _____

Resume: Attach a current resume, no more than three pages in standard format, highlighting your achievements, accomplishments, awards and honors, and leadership roles in 4-H/FFA, school, community, etc.

Please list Financial Aid, Grants and Scholarships you have applied for regarding your college education.

List Financial aid, Grants and Scholarships you have received.

List your Responsibilities within your Farm Operation or Involvement with a Dairy Project (i.e. Leasing or working with Other Farm Operations). Include any off-farm employment you may have had.

Please describe your Short-Term and Long-Term Goals.

ESSAY #1: What programs would you suggest the Maryland State Fair offer that would provide fairgoers educational opportunities to learn about agriculture and specifically the dairy industry? (250 Words or Less)

ESSAY # 2: Describe a 4-H Dairy project, such as judging, showing, or dairy bowl competitions that has had the most impact on you and which has influenced your career path? (250 Words or less)

Release and Consent Form

Please select one box in each section and complete with full names and signatures.

Authorization to Obtain and Use Images & Interviews

I, _____, being eighteen (18) years of age or over

or

I, _____ (parent/guardian),

do hereby grant permission to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries, to interview, photograph, and/or videotape me or my minor child; and/or to supervise any others who may conduct an interview, photography and/or videotaping; and/or permit others to use information from the aforementioned interviews, images or videos in educational and promotional activities without compensation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed Application and Attachments (application, transcript, essay and release and consent form signed) electronically to:

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