



## GDS FAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

[gdsfair.org](http://gdsfair.org)

The purpose of the GDS Community Fair Association's scholarship program is to provide an incentive to future generations to actively participate in community volunteer activities including, but not limited to, our fair association. Therefore, in order to provide financial assistance to deserving students pursuing higher education, the GDS Fair will be awarding annual scholarship(s), given directly to the chosen award applicant(s) on the first Friday (opening day) of the annual GDS Fair.

"Financial need" status will not be a requirement of the scholarship, since many students are not classified as such, but are worthy of financial assistance for their accomplishments. Recipients must sign an agreement which states they will complete at least one semester of schooling and provide their first semester transcript or return the full scholarship award.

Judges will receive instruction on relevant criteria and scoring methods to be used. They will make their selection prior to the annual GDS Fair and recipient(s) will be notified by mail. Judges' decision will be final.

You may pick up your application at your local school's guidance office or download one from our website [www.gdsfair.org](http://www.gdsfair.org). For more information, contact the fair office at 570-676-4047 or 272-253-5210 or email: [scholarships@gdsfair.org](mailto:scholarships@gdsfair.org).

**Mail completed application to  
GDS Fair Association, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 457 Crestmont Drive, Newfoundland, PA 18445.**

**DEADLINE: Application must be post marked no later than June 1.**

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must be a graduating high school senior in any of the following school districts: Delaware Valley, East Stroudsburg North, Forest City, North Pocono, Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands or Western Wayne including those enrolled in a state-approved home school program who is enrolled in either an associate or bachelor degree level program or a post-secondary trade or technical school. Students must be starting their courses in the summer or fall semester of the current year.
2. Applicant must have contributed to community service locally or in school.
3. Applicant must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:
  - Be a member of the GDS Fair
  - Be a child or grandchild of a member of the GDS Fair
  - Have contributed significantly to the preparation and/or conduct of the GDS Fair in the past 3 years

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**Please provide the information requested below (all questions must be answered and labeled). Also, attach your typed answers and essay.**

1. List awards, honors and achievements you have received in the past three years.
2. List extra-curricular activities you have participated in. Examples: clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any leadership positions.
3. List community activities you participate in and the extent of your involvement. Examples: church groups, scouts, volunteer groups, community endeavors or any community service other than school sponsored activities.
4. What has been your contribution to the preparation or conduct of the GDS Fair in the past? List fair year and the work or task performed. If participation was an exhibitor, please list the year and department entered.
5. Write a short paragraph on “What the GDS Fair means to me”
6. Write a 200 to 1,000 worded essay about your plans for the future and why you chose your particular field of study (this essay will be an important part of the judging criteria).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Member of the GDS Fair? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parents/guardians or grandparents members? If yes, list their name(s)

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How and when have you contributed to the GDS Fair in the past 3 years as an exhibitor or helper?

Will you graduate from high school in spring of this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College, Business or Trade School you will be attending and address:

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Field of Study or Major \_\_\_\_\_

When will you start your courses/program at this institution? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the High School Guidance Office to verify information on this page and to release all applicable information to the GDS Fair Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Remember to attach your typed essay and responses to the questions on the previous page when submitting this application.