

2012 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition's (KILE) Beef Committee will award cash scholarships to outstanding youth who have exhibited beef cattle at KILE. A percentage of the funds raised from the Beef Youth Beef Benefit Auction have been dedicated to the KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship. Recipients will be recognized at the beginning of the Club Calf & Prospect Heifer Sale at the 2012 KILE.

Application Procedure

Applications are available on the KILE website at www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us or by contacting Jim Sharp at the KILE Office at 717-787-2905. The Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) website also has a link to the application on their website at www.palivestockassoc.org. Applications must be completed in full, be accompanied by the required documentation, and postmarked no later than **June 15, 2012**, for evaluation, rating and selection.

The completed applications should be sent to:

Jim Sharp Show Manager, K.I.L.E.
Show Management Division
Farm Show Complex
2300 North Cameron St
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443
Phone 717-787-2905
Fax: 717-705-9900
kile@pa.gov

Questions about the applications can be directed to:

KILE Show Office
(717) 787-2905
kile@pa.gov

Applicant Eligibility

To qualify for this scholarship the applicant must have exhibited beef cattle in the Junior Beef Show at KILE in 2006 or later. The applicant must be enrolled in a degree (undergraduate or graduate) or certification program at a post-secondary educational institution (college, university, trade, or technical school). This criterion is to demonstrate that the applicant is both qualified and committed to attend an educational institution. There is no stipulation about the type of major or program interest the applicant is pursuing to be eligible for this scholarship. Applicants must submit a copy of the current semester paid tuition bill and an unofficial transcript if one or more semesters have been completed to verify the applicant's enrollment. Previous winners of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

Enclose a recent photograph, no smaller than 2 in. by 3 in., to be used for publicity purposes. Please limit font size to no more than 12 point and margins to no less than 1 inch. Awards will be based on academics, community leadership, agricultural activities, and KILE involvement.

Evaluation Procedure

For purposes of evaluation of applicants, selection committees will be chosen by the KILE Beef Committee to review the applications. Applications submitted without the appropriate materials will be considered as incomplete and will not be considered. The recommendations of the scholarship evaluation committees will be referred to the KILE Beef Committee for final approval. An evaluation sheet is attached for your reference.

2012 Application Form for the KILE Junior Beef Scholarship

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

County: _____ Home Phone: _____

School Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Academic Information

Name of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Class Ranking: _____

Scholastic Average for High School: _____ GPA (Grade Scale): _____

(If scholastic average is not a numerical percent (ex. 98.6%), it must be presented with the grade scale on which it is based – ex. 3.87 on 4.0 scale.)

Name of Post Secondary Institution Attending: _____

Location of Institution: _____

Degree, Certification, or Training Sought: _____

Major or Field of Study: _____

Date Post Secondary Education Began: _____ No. of Semesters Completed: _____

College GPA: _____ *(Unofficial transcript must be provided if one or more semesters have been completed.)*

Activities

Leadership potential and character should be demonstrated through the applicant's responses to the following categories (limit to three pages):

1. KILE Involvement
2. Cattle and/or Agricultural Organizations
3. School
4. Community
5. Personal Goals and Future Plans

Additional Information

On additional paper, briefly answer the following questions (limit to two pages).

1. How have you benefited from raising and exhibiting beef cattle?
2. What positive effects has agriculture had on your life?
3. Explain why you decided upon your choice of continuing education.
4. How do you plan to use your education to contribute to the agriculture industry or society in general?

Letters of Recommendation

It is the Applicants responsibility to obtain and submit three letters of recommendation with the completed application. Letters may be either typed or handwritten and should include the name, address, and daytime phone number of the person making the recommendation, as well as an indication of the person's relationship to the applicant (teacher, 4-H leader, employer, etc.). Relatives of the applicant may not be included as personal references. Letters of recommendation should indicate knowledge of the applicant's character, involvement in extracurricular activities, determination to pursue further education, and any other factors which will assist evaluation.

List of References:

Name	Title	Daytime Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Letters are to be placed in an envelope and sealed, with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope, and the signature of the person providing the reference across the seal. The applicant **MUST** submit the references with his or her application.

Scholarship Application Checklist

NOTE: Submit this completed checklist with the application materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applications MUST be signed.

- _____ Personal Contact information completed
- _____ Academic information completed
- _____ Responses to Activities section enclosed (limit to three pages)
- _____ Responses to Additional Questions enclosed (limit to two pages)
- _____ Copy of tuition payment receipt enclosed
- _____ Unofficial transcript enclosed
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (three) enclosed
- _____ Photo enclosed

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete. If selected to receive a KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship, I understand I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation program if possible, and use the scholarship to further my post secondary education.

In support of my application for a KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship, I the undersigned, attest that the information submitted in the application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I am a student in good standing with the academic institution disclosed in my application, that I have not committed any acts or failed to do anything that would affect my good standing status, and no charges or actions by this institution have been initiated or are pending against me by this institution. Additionally, I have never previously been a recipient of the KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship.

Applicants grant the KILE Beef Committee permission to use their names, information and likeness in connection with scholarship publicity and media releases.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applications MUST be postmarked by June 15, 2012!

**2012 KILE Beef Exhibitor Scholarship
Evaluation Sheet**

Applicant's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

I. Academic information (5 points)

- A. High School GPA
- B. Post Secondary GPA (if one or more semesters completed)

II. Activities (10 points each, 50 points total)

- A. KILE Involvement
- B. Cattle and/or Agricultural Organizations
- C. School (high school and post secondary)
- D. Community
- E. Personal Goals and Future Plans

III. Additional Information (10 points each, 40 points total)

- A. How have you benefited from raising and exhibiting beef cattle?
- B. What positive effects has agriculture had on your life?
- C. Explain why you decided upon your choice of continuing education.
- D. How do you plan to use your education to contribute to the agriculture industry or to society in general?

IV. Quality of References (5 points)

TOTAL POINTS (out of 100)

Comments: