



# Urban Farming Scholarship Application Form

It is the mission of The Michigan State Fair to promote and celebrate the positive achievements in Michigan Rural and Urban Agriculture, Business, and Industry. To fulfill that mission we annually recognize and celebrate those youth participating in Rural and Urban Agriculture development and this year will be awarding \$40,000 in scholarship dollars. We are able to award these dollars because of our amazing partners Michigan Foundation for Agriculture, ITC, The Detroit Shriners, The Kroger Company of Michigan, Guernsey Farms Dairy, and C.F. Burger Creamery.

## Who is eligible to compete for a Scholarship?

Urban Farming youth from cities of 30,000 people or more are eligible to apply for Scholarships based on their contributions to the production of food in their community. Youth Exhibitor: K-12th Grade. Youth must be five (5) years of age, but not over twenty (20) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Date of birth must be on entry form. Open to Michigan youth only.

An exhibitor is only eligible to win 1 scholarship per year at The Michigan State Fair, but may enter more than one division.

## Scholarship Entry Criteria:

1. Must be from an Urban Area (30K population or higher)
2. Proof of farming work (letter from parent of other adult who confirms youth exhibitor's involvement and recommends their work)
3. Photographs of youth exhibitor actively gardening, which may be used for State Fair and Scholarship program purposes
4. One to two page essay regarding the applicants experience with agriculture and its relationship and importance to the broader community.
5. Harvested items or photographs of items

## Personal Information:

Name: First & Last Name:

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Age:

Date of Birth:

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Current Level of Education (Fall 2019):

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Street Address:

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Address Line 2:

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City:

State/Province/Region:

Zip Code:

Country:

Email:

County you exhibit at, and how many years you have been an exhibitor:

Number of years exhibiting at the Michigan State Fair (including this year):

Phone Number:

Social Security Number:

Parent/Guardian Name: First & Last Name:

Street Address: (only provide if different)

Address Line 2:

City:

State/Province/Region:

Zip Code:

Country:

1. What is your major focus in school, listing awards, scholarships and career goals? Where are you planning on continuing your education and why?
2. List or describe your Community/School Involvement (include offices held).
3. What challenges have you overcome in your project area? (500 words or less)
4. Describe the life skills you learned throughout your project (500 words or less).
5. What are some ways that your involvement at the Michigan State Fair could improve the perception of agriculture in Michigan. This could be ways that you have used in your home county or just ideas to use for futures – (500 words or less).

[    ] I certify that the above information is accurate.

Signature of Applicant:

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Date:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18):

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Date:

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