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## **2024 Ohio State Fair Scholarship Winners Announced**

**Scholarship recipients will be presented with their awards during  
the Ohio State Fair**

**COLUMBUS** – The Ohio State Fair is awarding scholarships to several high school students and recent graduates to recognize their accomplishments as Junior Fair participants.

This year, 28 youth will be awarded \$28,500 total in scholarships funded by endowments and the Youth Reserve Program. The Youth Reserve program's purpose is to reward junior exhibitors who participate in the Ohio State Fair and has awarded \$4,691,150 to youth exhibitors since its inception. Program funds come directly from winning bids that exceed the cap placed on the amount an exhibitor can receive from the Sale of Champions.

Those eligible to apply for these awards include high school juniors and seniors during the 2023-2024 academic year, as well as recent graduates continuing their education at an accredited institution in an undergraduate course of study in any field.

Applicants were judged on scholastic standing, citizenship and leadership, Ohio State Fair participation, county fair participation and a written essay. A majority of the scholarship recipients will be presented with their awards during the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024 at 2 p.m. A few students receiving Hall of Fame scholarships will receive theirs at the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony on Thursday, August 1 at 11:30 a.m.

This year's winners are listed below:

Governor James A. Rhodes Junior Fair Endowment Fund Scholarship -  
\$1,500

Hannah Chafee, Seneca County

The Ohio Expositions Commissioner's Endowment Fund Scholarship -  
\$1,000

Tait Dusseau, Ottawa County

The Ohio Expositions Commissioner Chair's Endowment Fund Scholarship -  
\$1,000

Natalie Bacon, Auglaize County

General Manager's Endowment Fund Scholarship - \$1,000 (each)

Wyatt Schlauch, Holmes County

Gemma Dotts, Tuscarawas County

Junior Fair Beef Cattle Breeding and/or Market Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Kaylee Jennings, Clermont County

Tatum Poff, Geauga County

Junior Fair Swine Breeding and/or Market Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Marissa Graham, Licking County

Erica Patterson, Hancock County

Junior Fair Sheep Breeding and/or Market Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Ava Shroyer, Darke County

Kelsey Snyder, Richland County

Junior Fair Poultry Breeding and/or Market Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Norah Chismar, Tuscarawas County

Anita Ruggles, Huron County

Junior Fair Boer Goat Breeding and/or Market Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Grant Belleville, Wood County

Cheyenne Myers, Stark County

Junior Fair Dairy Goat Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Mckenna Baney, Wayne County

Junior Fair Dairy Cattle Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)

Brittany Goodson, Allen County

Kelly Hawvermale, Wayne County

Junior Fair Dog Exhibitor - \$1,000

Danica Henderson, Clinton County

Junior Fair Horse Exhibitor - \$1,000

Alaina Johnson, Scioto County

Junior Fair Rabbit Exhibitor - \$1,000  
Samantha Mayhugh, Pickaway County

Junior Fair Non-Livestock Exhibits & Activities Exhibitor - \$1,000 (each)  
Julia Ribo, Fairfield County  
Nora Beery, Ross County

Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame Non-Livestock Junior Fair Exhibitors  
Endowment Fund Scholarship - \$1,000 (each)  
Kate Johnson, Carroll County  
Kyle Kardotzke, Erie County

Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame Junior Fair Board Scholarship - \$1,000 (each)  
Madelyn Fannin, Jackson County  
Rachel O'Reilly, Geauga County

Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame Band & Choir Scholarship - \$1,000  
Brent A. Gardner, Madison County

The Ohio Expo Center is proud to host the Ohio State Fair. With big-name entertainment, educational activities, hundreds of exhibits and one of the largest junior livestock shows in the nation, the 2024 Ohio State Fair will run July 24 - Aug. 4. For more information, visit [ohiostatefair.com](https://ohiostatefair.com), call 1-888-OHO-EXPO or 1-614-644-FAIR.

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