Doug Wills Memorial Junior Fair Scholarship

Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. September 1, 2026, to the Tuscarawas County office of Ohio State University Extension.

Mail scholarship applications to:

Doug Wills Memorial Scholarship
OSU Extension Tuscarawas County
419 16th Street SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Background
This scholarship was established in memory of Doug Wills, a long-standing member of the Tuscarawas County Ag Society and a leader in our community. The scholarship will aid junior fair exhibitors in continuing their efforts to obtain a Certificate, Associate's degree, Bachelor's degree, or purchase materials to establish themselves in a trade. This is a one-time only scholarship.

Amount
Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $1000 each.

Selection Procedure
The individual must:

- be an exhibitor at the 2026 Tuscarawas County Fair (this can be with an animal or still project taken by a 4-H or FFA member).
- be entering their freshman or sophomore year at the post-secondary institution of their choice or be entering the work force having attained a technical education certificate from an accredited institution.
- Have been an exhibitor at the Tuscarawas County Fair for the last 5 consecutive years.
- Award winners will be chosen by a sub-committee of the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee.

Criteria
Selection will be based on:

- Junior Fair experience,
- other activities, i.e., school, clubs, church, and community, and
- interview (as determined by the Scholarship Committee).

Required Recommendation Letters

- 1 from your advisor (4-H or FFA).
- 1 from an individual of your choice (club, group, school, etc.).

Essay
Describe how your participation in the Tuscarawas County Fair has prepared you for your future. The essay must be more than 200 words but under 350 words and typed or printed clearly.

If selected, you must present a copy of your post-secondary institution invoice, first semester transcript, grade report, or other documentation from your college/university to receive the scholarship award. If entering the work force and using this scholarship to purchase tools/supplies, you must provide a list of items to be purchased and submit a copy of the receipt after purchase.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Current 4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____ Years at Fair: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____ Date HS Diploma: _____

Part 1:

Name of College: _____ Semester/Year entering: _____

Course of Study: _____

Degree/Certificate (you expect to receive) _____

Or Part 2:
Technical Certificate/Degree obtained: _____

Accredited Institution obtained from: _____

Current Employer: _____

1. Attach one page explaining your **Junior Fair** experience. List projects, awards, recognitions, and other activities (club/chapter involvement, Jr. Fair Board, etc.).
2. Attach one page regarding other club, group, school, church, or community activities including 4-H/FFA involvement outside of the fair.
3. Essay: Describe how your participation in the Tuscarawas County Fair has prepared you for your future. The essay must be more than 200 words but under 350 words and typed or printed clearly.
4. Include letters of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA advisor and one additional non-related individual.

I have personally prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my work:

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

I have reviewed and support this application and believe it to be correct:

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____