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## UF/IFAS Extension Lee County opens applications for 2025 SWFL Ag Expo 4-H/FFA Scholarships

Fort Myers, FL, May 6, 2025 – The UF/IFAS Extension Lee County is now accepting applications for the 2025 Southwest Florida Agriculture Exposition (SWFL Ag Expo) 4-H/FFA scholarships.

These educational scholarships are available to senior youth participants, ages 14 to 18, who exhibited as livestock or creative living participants at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo, which concluded in March.

The scholarships aim to support young people pursuing future educational goals, further emphasizing the commitment of the Lee Board of County Commissioners and UF/IFAS Extension Lee County to youth development and the future of agriculture in Southwest Florida.

The 2025 scholarship opportunities include:

- SWFL 4-H/FFA Agricultural Expo Senior Scholarship (\$1,000)

  Open to any senior youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
- SWFL 4-H/FFA Extension Food Systems Scholarship (\$500) Open to any senior youth who exhibited a market swine or steer.
- SWFL 4-H/FFA Leadership Scholarship (\$500)

  Open to any senior youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
- SWFL 4-H/FFA Exemplary Citizenship Scholarship (\$700)

  Open to any senior youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
- SWFL 4-H/FFA Graduating Senior Scholarship (\$1,200)
   Open to graduating seniors who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.

Applications are being accepted online. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. May 23, 2025.

To apply or learn more, visit: <a href="https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0ANaAs8qi80de0C">https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0ANaAs8qi80de0C</a>

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