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**Florida UF/IFAS Extension Lee County Awards SWFL Ag Expo 2025 4-H/FFA Scholarships
Mark your calendar for 2026 Ag Expo**

Fort Myers, FL Sept. 23, 2025 — The 2025 Southwest Florida Agricultural Exposition (SWFL Ag Expo), successfully raised funds to support educational scholarships for 4-H and FFA senior youth participants. The scholarships were open to any senior youth ages 14-18, who participated as a livestock or creative living exhibitor at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo. The scholarships are intended to assist recipients in pursuing future educational opportunities.

This year's scholarship winners are:

- **SWFL 4-H/FFA Agricultural Expo Senior Scholarship (\$1,000)**
Criteria: Open to any senior division youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
2025 Recipient: Lainey Fisher
- **SWFL 4-H/FFA Extension Food Systems Scholarship (\$500)**
Criteria: Open to any senior division youth who exhibited a market swine or steer at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
2025 Recipient: Simeon Kumher
- **SWFL 4-H/FFA Leadership Scholarship (\$500)**
Criteria: Open to any senior division youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
2025 Recipient: Whitney Taylor
- **SWFL 4-H/FFA Exemplary Citizenship Scholarship (\$700)**
Criteria: Open to any senior division youth who exhibited at the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
2025 Recipient: Veronica Rosauer
- **SWFL 4-H/FFA Graduating Senior Scholarship (\$1,200)**
Criteria: Open only to graduating FFA and 4-H senior youth who participated in the 2025 SWFL Ag Expo.
2025 Recipient: Boone Stewart

These scholarships underscore the commitment of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners and UF/IFAS Extension Lee County to support youth development and the future of agriculture in Southwest Florida.

For more information about UF/IFAS Lee County Extension Service, call 239-533-7504 or visit lee.ifas.ufl.edu. For more information, including the complete schedule of events, special promotions and ticketing, visit www.swflagexpo.com or follow Facebook at www.facebook.com/swflagexpo. Check the site regularly, as event details, ticketing and updates continue to be posted.

ABOUT THE UPCOMING AG EXPO NEXT YEAR:

Lee County has announced the 2026 Southwest Florida Ag Expo's theme: "Roots 'n' Rides: A Celebration of Tradition."

The upcoming community event celebrates agriculture, family fun and tradition and is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26, through Sunday, March 8, at the Lee County Civic Center Complex, 11831 Bayshore Road. This year's theme honors the area's agricultural heritage while offering thrills, entertainment and food for all ages.

The Ag Expo will continue to spotlight the work of Southwest Florida youth involved in 4-H, FFA and other programs. The event opens with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Event highlights include livestock exhibitions, creative living displays, midway rides and attractions and a variety of food. Attendees also can watch for the return of the Blue Ribbon Bites competition, in which vendors compete for top honors in sweet and savory food categories.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2026 Southwest Florida Ag Expo, including event and livestock sponsorships. Visit www.swflagexpo.com and click on the "Sponsors" tab for details.

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