2026 Antelope Valley Livestock Council Scholarship Application

Scholarship Award: Up to $3,000 per individual

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The application and grading system have been updated this year. High school seniors and first-year college students who are raising a market livestock animal are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered, applicants must meet **all** of the following requirements:

1. Be a current exhibitor in **4-H, FFA, Grange**, or an **Independent Livestock Exhibitor** (livestock department only).
2. Raise a market livestock animal for the **2026 Antelope Valley Fair**.
3. Submit a current copy of high school or college transcripts and maintain a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5**.
4. Submit Livestock Council approved **volunteer hours**.
5. Submit an **essay (250–500 words)** describing long-term goals and past accomplishments.
6. Provide **two (2) character reference letters** from individuals who are not immediate family members.
7. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the **Grand Drive** at the Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Show.
8. Applications must be **fully completed and signed** by both the applicant and a parent/guardian.
9. Scholarship checks will be issued after proof of enrollment in a **college or trade school** is submitted.
10. Applications must be received **no later than Friday, March 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM** by the Antelope Valley Fair Front Office (Jennifer or Ginger). Applications may be submitted **in person or by email** to **jcloud@avfair.com**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. All applications must be **legible**.
2. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to **Terry Williams**, Livestock Council Volunteer Chairman, at **(661) 428-3291**.
3. Applicants must submit a **current unofficial transcript** with the application.
4. Incomplete applications will result in **point deductions** during scoring.

DISCLOSURE

1. Scholarship amounts are determined annually by the Livestock Council Scholarship Committee.
2. Applicants are evaluated using a **point-based grading rubric** (provided).
3. Decisions are made without regard to race, color, sex, creed, or any other protected status.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

                 (Last, First, Middle Initial — Please Print)

Address: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ **Age:** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ *(Attach unofficial transcript)*

Cumulative College GPA: _____ *(Attach unofficial transcript, if applicable)*

Affiliation (check one):
☐ 4-H ☐ FFA ☐ Grange ☐ Independent

Volunteer Hours at the Antelope Valley Fair: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Applicant Agreement

I understand that the decision of the Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Scholarship Committee is final, and I confirm that I have read and understand the eligibility criteria, procedures, and disclosures outlined above.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

LIVESTOCK EXPERIENCE

Animals Raised for the 2026 Antelope Valley Fair

Ear Tag #   Animal Description

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Previous Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Projects

Year   Animals Shown

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SHORT RESPONSE

Describe how raising livestock has helped shape your future goals.
(Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

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FUTURE PLANS

Educational, Vocational, and Career Goals:

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ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

List schools, churches, clubs, community organizations, employment, or internships served (paid or unpaid). Be specific.

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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

List leadership roles held (organization, position, and dates). Attach a separate sheet if needed.

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REQUIRED ATTACHMENT

Essay (250–500 words) describing long-term goals and past accomplishments.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Submit Application To:
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
ATTN: Front Office (Jennifer or Ginger)
2551 West Avenue H
Lancaster, CA 93536

Or hand deliver to the **Entry Office**

Phone: 661-948-6060 ext. 226 / 123
Fax: 661-942-2135

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Livestock Council Scholarship Grading Rubric

Grade Point Average (10 Points Maximum)

3.50 GPA or higher: _____ / 10

3.00–3.49 GPA: _____ / 10

2.50–2.99 GPA: _____ / 10

Livestock Projects

2026 Project: _____ / 2

2025 Project: _____ / 2

2024 Project: _____ / 2

2023 Project: _____ / 2

2022 Project: _____ / 2

Livestock Impact Paragraph (10 Points per Judge) (10 Points per Judge)

Evaluated on grammar, spelling, and overall content.

Judge 1: _____   Judge 2: _____   Judge 3: _____

Activities & Community Service (10 Points Maximum)

Activities Listed (1–3): _____ / 10

Activities Listed (4–6): _____ / 10

Activities Listed (7 or more): _____ / 10

Leadership Roles (10 Points Maximum)

Leadership Roles Listed (1–3): _____ / 10

Leadership Roles Listed (4–6): _____ / 10

Leadership Roles Listed (7 or more): _____ / 10

Essay (20 Points per Judge) (20 Points per Judge)

Evaluated on grammar, spelling, and overall content.

Judge 1: _____   Judge 2: _____   Judge 3: _____

SCORE SUMMARY

- GPA: _____ / 10
- 2026 Livestock Project: _____
- Past Livestock Projects: _____
- Livestock Impact Paragraph: _____
- Activities & Community Service: _____ / 10
- Leadership Roles: _____ / 10
- Essay: _____ / 20

Total Points Earned: _____