

L.I.F.E. Scholastic Award Application
2023 Scholastic Award Eligibility Requirements

Scholastic Award Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the L.I.F.E. Scholastic Award, the applicant

1. Be a current 4-H/F.F.A./Art/Ag Mechanics/Home Economics -student/member in good standing;
2. Attend public school, private school, or be home-schooled in Webb County; and
3. Be a graduating Junior or Senior.

Scholastic Award Guidelines

Scholastic Award applications will be accepted, evaluated, and awarded based on the following guidelines:

1. Completed scholarship **applications are due March 31, 2023** to the L.I.F.E. office before 4:00PM.
2. **THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IS NOT PART OF THE L.I.F.E. OFFICE, L.I.F.E. BOARD or L.I.F.E. MEMBERSHIP.**

The Scholastic award selection Committee will review and evaluate applications based on the eligibility requirements and submission of a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. A complete application includes: 1) Application Certification Form with all required information and signatures; 2) Signed Cover Letter; and 3) Application Form.

Scholastic Award applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

a. Cover Letter	5	pts
b. Academics	15	pts
c. L.I.F.E. 4-H/F.F.A./Class/Student Project Experiences	10	pts
d. L.I.F.E. Volunteerism	15	pt
e. L.I.F.E. 4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Leadership	15	pts
f. L.I.F.E. 4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Community Service	10	pts
g. L.I.F.E. 4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Honors/Awards	10	pts
h. Other Non-4-H/F.F.A. Activities/Club/Student	5	pts
i. Essay	15	pts

	100	pts

3. Evaluation of items above will be based on the Application Guidelines distributed with the application.
4. Selected Scholastic Award recipients will be **recognized** at the L.I.F.E Scholastic Award Reception date to be announced.
5. Scholastic Award recipients will be presented with their award at Scholastic Award night.

2023 L.I.F.E. Scholastic Award Application Guidelines

1. Complete all parts of the application before submitting for consideration.
2. Margins should remain at 1 inch and use no smaller than a 12-point font.
3. All applications **should be typed or completed using a computer/printer.**
4. Do not place application in a binder, cover, sheet protectors, etc. Assemble the application by stapling all the documents in a sealed 9X12 envelope. The documents should be in the following order:
 - i. Cover Letter
 - ii. Application Certification
 - iii. Application Form

Transcripts are not required for application

5. Each section of the application will be evaluated using the descriptions to complete the required sections of the application:
 - i. Cover Letter (5 pts) – This should be on a separate sheet of standard paper (no business letterhead) and should reflect your personal experiences, your interest in pursuing higher education, and your career interests. You should also describe how you have prepared yourself to understand the degree and career choices you have selected. You may share anything that is not asked as part of the application. The letter should be no more than one page (front side only).
 - ii. Academics (15 pts) – Provide a signed verification of the most recent GPA based on 100 point scale. This should be signed by a school official that has authorization to determine and report student's GPA.
 - iii. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Project Experiences (10 pts) – This section should reflect the years involved, knowledge and skills gained, the scope of your project, why these projects were important, and what impact they have had on you. The emphasis should be on quality of your experiences.
 - iv. L.I.F.E.Volunteerism (15 pts) – This section should reflect participation and involvement as a volunteer. This includes exhibiting projects and volunteering at L.I.F.E. events. Describe the extent of participation, level of volunteerism, etc. Volunteer work should be described in detail.
 - v. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A. Club/Student Leadership (15 pts) – This section should reflect major leadership roles to include elected/appointed leadership as well as volunteer leadership. Emphasis should be placed on why these activities are important and what impact your involvement had on these activities and other people.
 - vi. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Community Service (10 pts) – This section should reflect community service activities, your level of involvement, and the impact that your involvement had on the activities and other people. Emphasis should be on quality rather than quantity.
 - vii. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Honors/Awards (10 pts) – Emphasis should be on the most important honors and awards that have been received and why those awards are the most important. This section should also reflect how these awards have helped your personal development.
 - viii. Other Non-L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Activities (5 pts) – This section should reflect your involvement in other activities outside of L.I.F.E/4-H/F.F.A. and why those activities are important to you. This might include other school, community, or church groups
 - ix. Essay: (15 pts)-This section should reflect **How has your participation at the Laredo International Fair & Exposition influenced your decision in pursuing a College education.** Please write an essay of a minimum of 300 word and no more than 500 word essay explaining your response.

Applicant Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email address

Date

L.I.F.E. Scholastic Award Committee

<< mailing address >>

<< city, state zip >>

Dear Committee:

**SAMPLE
COVER
LETTER**

Use this part of the letter to address the committee with information referenced in the guidelines.

**SAMPLE
COVER
LETTER**

Sincerely,

<Applicant signature here>

Applicant Name

2023 L.I.F.E Scholastic Award Application Certification

Submission Deadline – March 31, 2023

LAST Name		FIRST Name		MI
Address		Home Phone	Cell Phone	
City	Zip	E-mail address		
Number of years in 4-H? Number of years in F.F.A? Number of years in Art/Home Economics/Ag Mechanics Class?		Current 4-H/F.F.A. member of Webb County?	Y	N
		Public/private/homeschool in Webb County?	Y	N
		Are you a graduating Junior or Senior?	_____	
		Will you be attending Laredo College	Y	N
GPA (weighted, 100 point scale)				
Currently in AP classes? Currently in concurrent enrollment?	Y N Y N	4-H Club/F.F.A. Chapter/Art/Home Economics/Ag Mechanics Class/other?		
Counselor/Principal/School Official Signature		X		
I certify that the information contained herein is correct and truthfully reflects my personal information, club, chapter, and academic background and school records. I agree that, if any information contained herein is found to have been falsified in any way, my application will automatically become null and void. I further agree to forfeit any award that I may be eligible for or have already received. I have read and will abide by the scholarship rules and guidelines.				
Applicant Signature		Date		
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date		
I certify that this applicant has been enrolled in the 4-H/F.F.A./Art/ program during the required time frame as indicated by the eligibility requirements, and I recommend the applicant and his/her application to be considered for a L.I.F.E. Scholastic Award.				
Club Manager/F.F.A. Instructor Name/Signature		Date		
Teacher/Sponsor Name/Signature		Date		
		For official use only:		
		Date Received:	Received By:	

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c. L.I.F.E. 4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Project Experiences (10 pts) – This section should reflect the years involved, knowledge and skills gained, the scope of your project, why these projects were important, and what impact they have had on you. The emphasis should be on quality of your experiences.

d. L.I.F.E. Volunteerism (15 pts) – This section should reflect participation and involvement as a volunteer. This includes exhibiting projects and volunteering at L.I.F.E. events. Describe the extent of participation, level of volunteerism, etc. Volunteer work should be described in detail.

e. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student Project Leadership (15 pts) – This section should reflect major leadership roles to include elected/appointed leadership as well as volunteer leadership. Emphasis should be placed on why these activities are important and what impact your involvement had on these activities and other people.

f. L.I.F.E. /4-H/ F.F.A./Club/Student Community Service (10 pts) – This section should reflect community service activities, your level of involvement, and the impact that your involvement had on the activities and other people. Emphasis should be on quality rather than quantity.

g. L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A. /Club/Student Honors/Awards (10 pts) – Emphasis should be on the most important honors and awards that have been received and why those awards are the most important. This section should also reflect how these awards have helped your personal development.

h. Other Non-L.I.F.E./4-H/F.F.A./Club/Student+ Activities (5 pts) – This section should reflect your involvement in other activities outside of 4-H and why those activities were important to you. This might include other school, community, or church groups.

i. Essay: (15 pts)-This section should reflect **How has your participation at the Laredo International Fair & Exposition influenced your decision in pursuing a College education.** Please write an essay of a minimum of 300 word and no more than a 500 word essay explaining your response.

