The Jan Dillard Memorial Scholarship Fund

Presented in Conjunction with The Florida State Fair

The Dillard Family are proud to sponsor the Jan Dillard Memorial scholarship for any college bound junior or senior student in high school who participates with a Youth Livestock Project in the Youth Steer Futurity, Youth Beef Show or the Youth Dairy Show at the 2026 Florida State Fair. Exhibitors are only eligible to win the $1,000.00 scholarship one time.

Applicants will be judged on:

- **scholastic achievement**
- **grade level**
- **agriculture related involvement**
- **extracurricular activities**
- **letters of recommendation**
- **a essay**

Applicants must have demonstrated professionalism and good sportsmanship in all aspects of showing their project animal. Applicants will be interviewed by a selection committee and will be announced at the Champion of Champions dinner at the Fair.

Scholarships will be paid when the Fair receives proof of enrollment in a post High School Educational Program. The initial collection of scholarship funds must be within two years of high school graduation.

The Application packet must include:

- Completed application form
- A copy of current academic transcript
- A **handwritten** essay (300-500 words) concerning your involvement in Florida's Agriculture. It should include information as to what agriculture has done for you and what contribution you have made to Florida's Agriculture as well as future involvement.
- Two letter of recommendation. At least one letter should be from any of the following: 4-H Club Leader, FFA Advisor, or County Extension Agent. Letters of recommendation should be from persons who personally know the applicant and on letterhead, if possible.
- Exhibitors will be contacted and a time to be interviewed will be scheduled.

Application deadline will be DECEMBER 4. 2026 (Hand delivered or postmarked)