

2026 HERMAN PURDY LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Herman R. Purdy (July 4, 1919 – June 30, 1985) was a teacher, judging-team coach, and one of the world's most revered livestock judges. He lived not far from Huntingdon in Hartslog Valley where he raised cattle. As a leader in the livestock industry, Purdy was inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Hall of Fame in 1984. He was influential in the lives of many young 4-H and FFA members. Following Purdy's passing, the Herman Purdy Livestock Scholarship fund was started by Scott Brown from the proceeds of his market project. Since then, scholarships have been awarded to youth, in Huntingdon County, who have shown market livestock at the fair and are pursuing a post-secondary education. Candidates have the opportunity to earn a scholarship based on years of participation and the quality of the application. If selected as a recipient, applicants will receive their monetary award upon verification of successful completion of the first semester/term at their institution.

Application Requirements:

- Must have shown 4-H or FFA market livestock as a Huntingdon County Member in good standing.
 - Must have graduated from high school and be enrolled in higher education. Examples: college, university, technical or vocational-technical program.
 - Application MUST be typed and only be submitted once fully complete. To be considered a complete application, the following parameters should be met:
 - Completed application form.
 - Letter of Reference (attached)
 - Student Resume (attached)
 - Essay questions answered completely in paragraph form.
 - GPA must be 2.0 or higher.
 - Can only receive this scholarship one time – you are able to reapply if you are not awarded a scholarship.
 - Application and supporting documents must be submitted to the email provided below as typed documents in PDF format as an attachment(s) in one single email submission. Failure to provide documents in correct format and in one email is grounds for disqualification.
 - Please use the following format in email subject line “(YOUR FULL NAME) 2026 PURDY SCHOLARSHIP”
 - Submit application to purdyscholarship@gmail.com
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- Deadline for all attachments to be received by Saturday, August 1, 2026.

*The scholarship committee reserves the right to disqualify any application on grounds of merit. They have the final say in all scholarship decisions and monetary awards.

**If you are selected as a scholarship award winner you will receive your award after completing your first semester at your institution. In order to receive your funds you will need to have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.0 and submit a copy of your first semester transcript to purdyscholarship@gmail.com. Your funds will be sent to the education program you are enrolled in.

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In well-organized paragraphs (2-3 per essay), answer the following questions:

1. Describe your involvement in the 4-H/FFA market livestock program at the club, county, regional and state levels and how you became involved in a 4-H/FFA market livestock program?
2. What skills, both life related (communication, leadership, decision making, etc.) and animal related have you acquired through this program?

3. How will the skills you learned through the market livestock program help you to achieve your career goals?

4. Who is your role model and why?

5. Describe your involvement in community service or volunteerism.

Applicant's Signature*: _____ Date: _____

I _____, 4-H leader/FFA advisor of _____ attest that the applicant is in good standing. Date: _____

*I acknowledge that this electronic signature has been executed by myself with full knowledge and consent. I certify that the information on this application is accurate.

**Applicants - Once you complete the form, save the pdf with the completed information. Please forward newly saved form to 4-H/FFA for their signature and have them return to you signed. Email complete application with all attached documents to purdyscholarship@gmail.com