

Southeastern Youth Fair Scholarship Application Rubric

Category	Not Indicated	Poor	Fair	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Essay (20 points)	(0) Essay not included	(5) Poor quality writing, content not supportive of essay requirements	(9) Fair quality writing, content complete but ordinary	(12) Average quality writing, content complete & interesting	(15) Above average quality writing, content complete, interesting & descriptive	(20) Excellent quality writing, content complete, interesting, descriptive, imaginative & compelling & addressed how the SEYF activities benefitted future plans.
Academics (15 points)	(0) Transcript indicates one or more failed classes without reasonable explanation, no academic honors	(3) Transcript indicates mostly C's without reasonable explanation, no academic honors	(6) Transcript indicates mostly B's & C's, academic honors such as honor roll & subject honor roll	(9) Transcript indicates mostly B's, academic honors such as honor roll & subject honor roll	(12) Transcript indicates mostly A's & B's, academic honors such as top 10%, honor roll & subject honor roll	(15) Transcript indicates mostly A's with only occasional B's, honors such as Valedictorian, Salutatorian, top 5%, honor roll & subject honor roll
Recommendation Letters (10 points)	(0) Not indicated or letters incomplete	(2) Letters show non descript support of candidate	(4) Letters show support of candidate, do not include in depth knowledge of candidate SEYF but does include FFA and/or 4-H background	(6) Letters show support of candidate, letters show understanding of the candidate's involvement in the SEYF in addition to 4-H or FFA background.	(8) Letters show enthusiastic support of candidate, reflect depth of understanding of candidate's involvement in the SEYF	(10) Letters show enthusiastic support of candidate, reflects depth of understanding of the candidate's involvement in the SEYF & agriculture. Confirms the candidate ability to succeed in post-secondary education.
SEYF Participation (30 points)	(0) Not indicated or information is incomplete	(6) One or two projects listed with involvement for 3 years which may include community service & leadership	(12) One or two projects listed with involvement in more than 3 years which may include community service & leadership	(18) Two or more project categories listed with involvement in more than 3 years which may include community service & leadership	(24) Three or more project categories with involvement in 3-5 years which may include community service & leadership	(30) Three or more project categories listed with involvement in 5 or more years which may include community service & leadership
Leadership & Community Service (10 points)	(0) Not indicated or information is incomplete	(2) One or two leadership or community service activities listed with involvement only in current year	(4) One or two leadership or community service activities listed with involvement for 2 years	(6) Two or more leadership or community service activities listed with involvement for 3 years	(8) Three or more leadership or community service activities listed with involvement for 3-5 years	(10) Three or more leadership and community service activities listed with involvement over 5 years
Interview (15 points)	(0) Late for interview, lack of interest or poor attitude	(3) Neat appearance, poor eye contact, answers are short	(6) Overall appearance is neat, answers are hesitant, Somewhat prepared for questions, sometimes went off topic/rambled	(9) Somewhat professional appearance, able to give some examples and elaborate on answers, good eye contact, repeated information but information was relevant.	(12) Official 4-H or FFA attire, good speaking voice, at ease in answering questions, above average eye contact, informative answered questions and was germane.	(15) Official 4-H or FFA attire, thorough answers, speaks with confidence, prepared for questions, informative and knowledgeable.

** 10-point deduction for lack of signatures