

## **2026 Leon Kirkhoff Memorial Scholarship Eligibility Criteria**

1. The Leon Kirkhoff Memorial Scholarship is to be used to help finance a post-secondary education at an institution of higher learning.
2. Students will only be eligible to receive this scholarship one time. This will allow more students the opportunity to receive this award.
3. The number awarded and dollar amount of scholarships will change each year.
4. Scholarships are available to any individual who has exhibited at the Reading Fair/Berks County Fair for at least two consecutive years.
5. Applicants must be enrolled in a degree or certification program at a post-secondary educational institution. Proof of enrollment is required.
6. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution and not observed their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
7. Selection will be based on the following:
  - a. Leadership Qualities
  - b. Reading Fair/Berks County Fair Participation
  - c. Academic Performance
  - d. Achievements, Awards, Honors
  - e. Personal Goals and Future Plans
8. Each applicant must submit a recent photograph, no smaller than 2" X 3". The picture should be placed in an envelope and attached to the application. Instant photos or Polaroid's are unacceptable. These photos will be used for press releases and will not be returned.
9. The applicant will prepare a one page essay introducing him or herself. It should include background information, career aspirations, Reading Fair/Berks County Fair participation (exhibiting, volunteer work) and how this award will be a benefit to you.
10. Scholarship winners will be recognized and honored during the Berks County Fair Awards Ceremony held in July.
11. If any past scholarship winner uses funds for other circumstances besides schooling, the committee has the right to revoke all funds that were awarded.
12. Applicant must submit a completed application, essay, and all required documentation by **June 14th** to:

Leon Kirkhoff Memorial Scholarship  
Mr. Steve Mohn  
308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567

## Leon Kirkhoff Memorial Scholarship Application

The Leon Kirkhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Leon Kirkhoff. He was a dedicated board member for many years with a passion for the former Reading Fair. His involvement and guidance has assisted in making the Reading Fair a huge success. Leon Kirkhoff was determined, hardworking, passionate, and dedicated to his community and the former Reading Fair. The candidate receiving this prestigious award should possess the same passion and dedication.

Please complete the entire application and attach:

- High School Transcripts
- Post- secondary institution transcripts or proof of enrollment
- One-page essay
- Photograph, no smaller than 2" X 3"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent /Guardian \_\_\_\_\_









