

COUNTRY FEST SCHOLARSHIPS

Sixteen hundred dollars in scholarships will be awarded to three lucky ladies or gentlemen participating in the Maria Stein Country Fest Scholarship contest.

If you are a 2026 Marion Local High School graduate, planning to attend college or technical school, you are eligible to receive an \$800, \$500, or a \$300 monetary award to help finance your college expenses. If you need cash to pay for tuition, books, housing, transportation, etc. this is the scholarship for you.

The contest will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 at the Maria Stein Legion. The contestants will be asked a random question and will be judged on poise and public speaking. The contestants will then be asked to appear at the Country Fest on Friday, June 26th at 7:00 during the Opening Ceremonies, when the scholarship winners will be announced.

There is a \$10 business sponsor entrance fee. Application deadline is Monday, May 4th. Pickup applications at the Chickasaw Post Office and drop off at MVP Sports & More in Chickasaw. For more information or questions, please contact 419-763-9747.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents: _____

Business Sponsor: _____

School & Major: _____

Activities & Hobbies: _____

Circle Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

ALL scholarship contestants are required to be at the 2026 Country Fest Opening Ceremonies on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm. At this time, the winners will be announced. We are asking ALL contestants to wear their Country Fest Scholarship shirts. These shirts can be picked up at the information/ticket booth any time after 5:00 Friday evening before the Opening Ceremonies.

Please meet at the Tractor Square Arena by 6:45 at the entrance to the arena/restroom area.

During the Opening Ceremonies, you will be asked to introduce yourself with the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Your Parent's Name
3. Business Sponsor
4. The college/university you are planning to attend.
5. Your major
6. Your favorite Country Fest memory

After all contestants introduce themselves, the 3 winners will be announced. After the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies, we will take some photos and then you will be free to go and enjoy the festival.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lona Mescher at 419-763-9747.