

# ***Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.***

## ***\$30,000***

### ***John E. Frenkel, Sr. Educational Grants Program for 2026-2027***

The Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc. is dedicated to the betterment of the community through education. For many years it generously provided unrestricted educational funds to the Pensacola Junior College and to the University of West Florida. During 1983-84 a special grants program was initiated. These grants were restricted to members of Future Farmers of America, 4-H Clubs and Future Homemakers of America who were graduating high school seniors and who, during their senior years, had been actively involved in the presentation of exhibits, projects and displays during the Fair. It was a sincere attempt to reward those who had contributed so much to the success of the Fair each year and who wished to continue their educational experiences with the assistance and encouragement of the Pensacola Interstate Fair. The program was well received and several young men and women were able to complete their first year of college as the first Interstate Fair Educational Grants Recipients.

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1984-85 marked the 50th year of the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc. which had grown from its humble beginnings in 1935 to a position of prominence and importance through-out the United States.

To properly celebrate this Golden Anniversary event, the members of the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc., through the approval of its Board of Directors, substantially increased funds providing for a large number of grants available for 1984-85, broadened the base to include students heretofore ineligible to apply and created several new categories to assist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate programs at Pensacola Junior College and at the University of West Florida.

As a special and most appropriate tribute to the Founder, former General Manager and late Chairman of the Board of Directors, the additional funding was used to establish the

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in honor of his lifelong dedication to education, his outstanding contributions to our community and his many years of devotion and leadership to the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.

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The Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc. is pleased to continue these important programs, and fully endorses the proposal to increase funding for educational programs for 2026-2027. The additional funding, broadened eligibility requirements and expanded categories, will encourage scholars within the community to apply for assistance towards the realization of individual educational goals. To date, over one million three hundred forty-one thousand (\$1,341,000) dollars have been awarded to more than one thousand three hundred ninety-seven (1,397) grant participants.

For 2025-2026, the John E. Frenkel, Sr. Educational Grants Selection Committee has been authorized by the members of the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc., to provide Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000). These monies will assist twenty-five (25) students in the completion of their studies at a college, university or vocational school of their choice.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

All grants will be allocated to graduating High School Seniors of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties who, during their high school years, have been competing entrants in the areas listed in the Fair Premium Catalog, or volunteers with at least ten (10) documented hours of assistance as designated by Fair staff.

**Twenty (20) grants will be for one thousand two hundred fifty (\$1,250) dollars each, made payable to any accredited college or university. Five (5) grants (\$1,000) will be made available and payable to qualifying vocational schools.**

- GENERAL -

1. All grants are **restricted to those who have been actively involved in the presentation of exhibits, animals, projects and displays in any area listed in the Fair Premium Catalog, or volunteers with at least ten (10) documented hours of assistance as designated by Fair staff.**
2. All grants are **one-time** only and **non-renewable**. It is the desire of the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc., to assist as many students as possible through grants provided each year. Hence, all grants are **for one-time only** and students receiving grants **may not re-apply** for a second time.
3. All grants are non-refundable.
4. All grants are for one (1) year only, beginning Fall Term, 2026 and ending with Summer Term, 2027.
5. All grants are for the purpose of defraying costs of tuition and books at any post-secondary educational institution or vocational school of the applicant's choice. It must offer acceptable Technical/Health/Academic programs leading to certificates, associate and baccalaureate degrees. In addition, grant monies can be used to purchase required computers through the school purchase program.
6. Grants are not based on personal need or high scholastic achievement, but rather on the evaluation made by the Committee as to his/her potential for success in attaining career goals.
7. All unused grants or portions thereof must be returned to the Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.
8. Grants, may not be transferred from one college or vocational school to another during year of eligibility.
9. Finalists will be selected during the fourth week of April, 2026.
10. Checks for college and university students will be mailed to their chosen Financial Aid office by mid-late July, 2026.
11. All grants adhere to the provisions of the Equal Opportunities Act. Applications are available as a PDF on the Pensacola Interstate Fair website ([www.pensacolafair.com](http://www.pensacolafair.com)). All printed and completed applications must be submitted no later than April 3, 2026. Please contact Jamie McDonald or Dondi Frenkel at (850) 944-4500 for further information.

## **Pensacola Interstate Fair Continues to Provide The Pensacola State College Foundation Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars Per Year for Endowed Scholarships**

In 1997, at the recommendation of John E. Frenkel, Jr., General Manager of the Pensacola Interstate Fair, students at Pensacola Junior College were given more scholarship opportunities as the Board of Directors unanimously approved a Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollar gift. This Ten Thousand Dollars, when matched by the State of Florida, is providing four (4) endowed scholarships of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars each. The scholarships began in 1997 and will continue "in perpetuity".

Combined with the Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars under the John E. Frenkel, Sr. Educational Grants Program, a total of Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000) Dollars will be available for financial aid to students during the 2026-2027 college year. The Pensacola Interstate Fair is proud to continue in providing educational opportunities in our community.

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#### **2026-2027 Application**

(Graduating High School Seniors of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT) Last First Middle Student's E-Mail Address

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence City Zip

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Career Goals: Technical: \_\_\_\_\_ Health Related: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic: \_\_\_\_\_  
(specify) (specify) (specify)

Other College Scholarships/Grants applied for and dollar amount (if too many to list here, attach a separate sheet):

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Other College Scholarships/Grants received or expected to receive (Bright Futures, school specific, etc. ) and dollar amount (if too many to list here, attach a separate sheet):

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Intended College/Vocational School Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

**Competitive Entrant, Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.    \*\* Complete below if you have participated in FAIR categories ONLY one (1) time \*\***

**\*\* IF MULTIPLE ENTRIES IN THE FAIR, INCLUDE IN RESUME. \*\***

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Prize Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Volunteer, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:**

1. Personal typed letter to Fair Manager, Jamie McDonald, stating your reasons why you should be considered as a candidate for the John E. Frenkel, Sr. Grants Program. Address Letter to: Jamie McDonald, General Manager, Pensacola Interstate Fair.
2. Resume including community service, club memberships, campus extra-curricular activities (i.e. Athletics, Band, Honor Society, etc.), Fair Participation including exhibits and clubs, with dates of participation. Resume must be attached to this application when submitted in order for application to be accepted.
3. High School transcript (copy) (mailed to the Fair Office - see address to the right)  
**TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SEALED BY SCHOOL. NO LOOSE TRANSCRIPTS ACCEPTED!**

All applications must be submitted through mail to:

Pensacola Interstate Fair  
2172 W. Nine Mile Rd PMB 210  
Pensacola, FL 32534

**No later than April 3, 2026**

Any special arrangements must be made through  
Jamie McDonald at (850) 944-4500.

**For Further information, contact any of the following members of the Evaluation Committee.**

**Ms. Jamie McDonald, General Manager**  
Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.  
850-944-4500

**Mr. Dondi Frenkel**  
Pensacola Interstate Fair, Inc.  
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