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**136th MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES
A CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

TIMONIUM – MY Maryland State Fair is currently seeking applicants for the Maryland State Fair and the Marlin K. Hoff Scholarship programs. Applications may be obtained at www.marylandstatefair.com. Completed applications and attachments must be postmarked on/or before July 1, 2017. Recipients of the scholarships will be recognized at special ceremonies during the 2017 unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair.

“Since its inception in 1879, agriculture education has been one of the Maryland State Fair’s top priorities,” said Maryland State Fair General Manager Andy Cashman. “Our competitive scholarships highlight and reward the accomplishments of youth, help them with their educational pursuits, and promote the importance of agriculture to our state and our world.”

The Maryland State Fair \$2,000 Scholarships recognize the importance of education and participation in the Maryland State Fair. Applicants must be permanent residents of Maryland and active participants in the 2017 Maryland State Fair. They must be currently enrolled in an accredited college/university or be a high school senior entering their college freshman year in 2017. The applicant must complete an essay on the impact of their experience participating in the Maryland State Fair and how the scholarship will be beneficial in helping them with their career goals. **Nine winners will be selected and will each receive \$2,000 in scholarship monies.**

The Marlin K. Hoff \$2,000 Scholarship will be awarded to one Maryland youth enrolled in a four-year college, and currently or previously enrolled in a 4-H, FFA or breed organization dairy project. The recipient will be selected on the basis of involvement in the dairy industry, academic performance, leadership qualities, future goals and financial need. The Marlin K. Hoff Scholarship will be awarded during the Maryland Holstein Futurity at the 2017 MY Maryland State Fair.

The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. For more information, visit www.marylandstatefair.com**

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