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**The Youth Fair's 2016 Scholarship Program expands to offer opportunity for more students to receive college funding**

**MIAMI, Fla.** – Oct. 26, 2015 – The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition has opened the door for more Miami-Dade County high school seniors to become eligible for and receive \$1,000 college scholarships that will be distributed at a dinner and ceremony on April 21, 2016.

“Two of the key components of our organization’s mission are to support education and showcase youth achievement. We are seeing so many talented, intelligent and deserving high school seniors who need that extra assistance to help pay for their college education, especially at a time when it’s tough to keep up with rising tuition prices,” said Robert Hohenstein, president and chief executive officer.

The board of directors voted unanimously to increase The Youth Fair’s 2016 Scholarship Program budget to \$129,000, opening spots for 38 more scholarship recipients. One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to each student. High school seniors attending all Miami-Dade County public and private schools, including home-school students, are eligible to apply.

For information, visit <http://www.thefair.me/thefair/exhibits-programs.php>. For questions about scholarships, send an email to [scholarships@fairexpo.com](mailto:scholarships@fairexpo.com).

The Youth Fair has awarded well over \$10 million to Miami-Dade County students to help them achieve higher education.

**The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair)** is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized as the 2015 Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association and is a 2015 Sunshine Award honoree of the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit [fairexpo.com](http://fairexpo.com) or call 305-223-7060.

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