

**Deerfield Fair
Association, Inc.**

Memo

To: Area High Schools
From: The Miss Deerfield Fair Scholarship Program
Date: September 13, 2018
Re: Excused Absence for Friday September 29th, 2018

On Behalf of the Deerfield Fair Association we would like to request the release of any of your students participating on our Scholarship Program on Friday September 29, 2018. The Scholarship Program takes place on the fair grounds for a full schedule on that day. The Fair gives away more than \$6,500 in scholarships for this one-day program. Our participants write an essay on the Fair, participate in a judge's panel interview, perform a talent and are also judged on poise and personality displayed during the program.

We realize the importance of a participant's education and high school attendance. We try to keep their time to a minimum to limit possible academic disruption. We do feel there are benefits to the program that counter balance any disruption. Writing and interviewing skills are enhanced, and typically there is growth in self-confidence and self-esteem. We strive to make the day fun and we give away all the money in our scholarship pool. (over \$6,500)

We believe our program can be a positive experience for our participants and provide needed additional financial aid to local students. Thank you for your consideration.

Douglas Leavitt

Deerfield Fair Board of Directors

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