



2017 Achievement Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates to Remember

April 16, 2017

June 13, 2017

June 22, 2017

July 2017

Release of 2017 Online Application

Scholarship application due online by **7:59 p.m.**

Required Paperwork must be received by Educational Programs Department

Recipient selection notification

Achievement Scholarship

In 2017, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ will award \$1,200,000 in Achievement Scholarships to current Rodeo Scholars who have achieved academic excellence in their college career.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Educational Programs are a significant part of the Show's goals of benefiting youth, supporting education, and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. All recipients of Show scholarships must demonstrate academic potential, citizenship/leadership and financial need, and they must attend a not-for-profit Texas college or university.

Scholarship Funding

Scholarships payments are for \$4,000 each semester and are awarded based on the number of semesters remaining towards completing an undergraduate degree. You may not use the funding for graduate school or summer school.

2015 Scholarship Recipients – up to \$16,000, payable for up to two years.

2014 Scholarship Recipients – up to \$8,000, payable for up to one year.

2013 Scholarship Recipients – up to \$4,000, payable for one semester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, an Achievement Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid U. S. passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or a birth certificate for U. S. Citizen born abroad). Applications submitted without proof of citizenship will not be considered. Students with permanent resident status are not eligible to apply.
2. Be a Texas resident.
3. Attend a not for profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges).
4. Be classified as a college junior (60 or more completed hours) or senior (90 or more completed hours) by the conclusion of the Spring 2017 semester. Students must have completed a minimum of **four** college semesters since high school graduation by the conclusion of the Spring 2017 semester. **Students awarded a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in May 2016 are not eligible.**
5. Have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0** or higher at the conclusion of the sophomore year if applying for junior year funding and at the conclusion of the senior year if applying for senior year funding.
6. Must be attending or transferring to a four-year university for the Fall 2017 semester.

7. A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship may not receive more than \$75,000 in funding from financial aid, grants or any other scholarships for the four year term of an undergraduate degree. This does not include the Show Scholarship or loans.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Scholarship Applicant must:
 - a. Complete and submit the online portion of the application prior to the deadline.
 - b. Submit an official transcript. Bulk grades sent from schools are not accepted. Students who attend Texas A&M, The University of Texas, or University of Houston will be required to submit an official transcript. Student's must submit their official transcript by mail or hand delivery to the HLSR Office of Educational Programs. One transcript may be sent for both the Achievement application and spring semester grade verification.
 - c. Submit the **Financial Aid Verification Form** and the **Financial Aid Package Notification** from the institution (a minimum of four semesters is required). You must estimate the amount of aid you will receive your remaining semesters of school. Students can print off the school's website or provide an award letter from the school for each year in which they have been enrolled. Students must also provide an estimate of aid, by year, for the remaining years of undergraduate studies by completing the form included in the submission email. Provide estimated total aid for the entirety of college enrollment. (4 years).
 - d. Applicants are required to complete a 2017 – 2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR), which is obtained once the FAFSA is accepted. Students have been able to file a 2017-18 FAFSA since October 1, 2016. Please note that it takes at least one week after submitting the application for you to receive the SAR. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAFSA REPORTS THAT SAY "ESTIMATED EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION."
 - e. Please do not include pages that are not required (ie: letters of recommendation, additional essays, etc.) as they will be discarded.

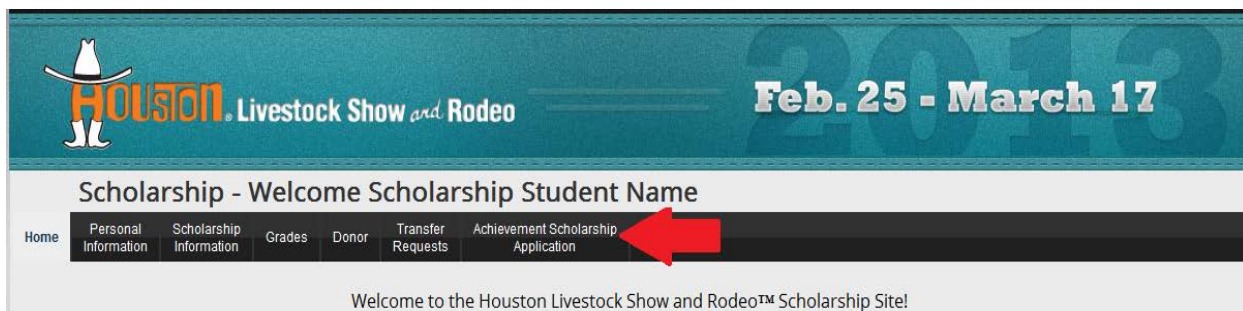
Documents may be **mailed** to:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Office of Educational Programs
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, Texas 77225-0070

Or **delivered** to:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Office of Educational Programs
NRG Center, 2nd floor
Three NRG Park
Houston, Texas 77054

2. The Achievement Scholarship application is only available online through the Show's website, under the current scholar's webpage. In order to apply, students must be ACTIVE Show scholars. The application will not appear on a student's account that is on probation, or other academic restrictions. In addition, if a student is not up to date in grade reporting requirements, the application will not be available to them. The application will appear under each eligible student's personal account after logging in as shown below:



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

It is the sole responsibility of each applicant to be aware of all dates and deadlines.

The Show will not accept or consider any incomplete or late applications, no exceptions will be made.

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EVALUATION PROCEDURE

All completed applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of judges selected by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Incomplete and non-qualifying applications will not be considered.

NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS

Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Show's Office of Educational Programs towards the end of July 2017. All applicants will be notified via email if they are awarded a scholarship or not.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications and supporting documentation will not be returned and become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has the right to refuse and/or retract any scholarship application or scholarship award during the judging, awarding or post awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based on, but not limited to, unfactual and incorrect information provided in the application or failure to meet any of the requirements.