



2017 Technical Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates to Remember

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Educational Programs office	
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TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2017, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (the “Show”) will award five two-year, \$9,000 Technical Scholarships to outstanding students who are seeking to earn an associate’s degree in a technical program. The five scholarships will be awarded to students who qualify through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Mechanics Program (student must have entered a project in the 2017 HLSR Agricultural Mechanics Project Show or will compete in the 2017 Tractor Technician Contest Finals at the HLSR).

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. Recipients of the Technical Scholarship must attend an approved non-profit Texas trade school program or junior college in pursuit of an Associate’s Degree or certificate in an approved technical field. Students who chose to pursue a certificate through a one-year program will receive \$4,500, or half of the two-year scholarship award value.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, a Technical 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 an accredited Texas public high school.
4. Be a graduating senior in the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Provide verification of GPA at the completion of the first semester of senior year.
6. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas trade school or junior college and participate in a curriculum leading to an associate’s degree or a certificate in an approved technical field. Strictly online colleges and universities, even if they are not-for-profit, are not permitted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application Process:
 - a. Part 1 – Consists of completing the online application prior to the given deadline
 - b. Part 2 – Consists of mailing in supplemental forms that are **received by the Show by the given deadline** consisting of:
 - Application Summary Page completed by the applicant.
 - Individual Scholastic Record Form completed and signed by a school records official.
 - The applicant’s official transcript for entire high school education to date (9th-12th grades).The transcript must be an original; no copies will be accepted.
 - Copy of the applicant’s FAFSA Student Aid Report.
 - Signed Certification and Authorization for Verification form.
 - Contain no supplemental pages that are not requested or required.
2. Technical Scholarship applications are only available online through the Show’s website, www.rodeohouston.com, under the Scholarship Area. The Application must be completed and submitted online and the Supplemental Documents must be mailed or hand delivered to the Show’s Office of Educational Programs by the respective deadlines.
3. Applicants are required to complete a 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. Please note that it takes approximately one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report.
4. A recipient of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Technical Scholarship may not receive more than \$40,000 in funding from financial aid, grants or any other scholarships for the two-year term of an associate’s degree. This does not include the Show Scholarship or loans. If selected to receive a Show scholarship, the applicant must provide verification of all other financial aid, grants or scholarships received. The scholarship award is not confirmed without such verification and failure to completely disclose all financial aid or other scholarships shall deem the applicant ineligible to receive the scholarship award.
5. Additional documents must be received through mail or delivered to the Show office no later than the deadline date of February 16, 2017. An application is not complete until the Office of Educational Programs has received the required documents. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted!**

Required 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

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

It is the sole responsibility of each applicant and their parent/guardian 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. Each application is scored based on academic achievement, high school leadership, activities, awards, community involvement and financial need.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications 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, nonfactual and incorrect information provided in the application or failure to meet any of the requirements.