



## Achievement Scholarship

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. Funding may not be utilized for summer school or graduate school. Also, double payments are not available for achievement scholarship funding. If you were previously awarded an Achievement scholarship, you are not eligible to apply for more funding.

**2019 Scholarship Recipients** – up to \$16,000, payable for up to two years.

**2018 Scholarship Recipients** – up to \$8,000, payable for up to one year.

**2017 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:

- 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.
- Be a Texas resident.
- Attend a not for profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges).
- Be classified as a college junior (60 or more completed hours) or senior by the conclusion of the Spring 2023 semester. Completed hours will be calculated as follows: Total earned hours from all previous semesters ~~0000000000~~ . Students must have completed a minimum of **four** college semesters since high school graduation by the conclusion of the Spring 2023 semester . **Students awarded a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in May 2020 are not eligible.**
- Have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0** or higher at the conclusion of the Spring 2023 semester. A student's Cumulative GPA will be taken from the transcript of the university where the Spring 2023 payment was sent.

6. Must be attending or transferring to a four-year university for the Fall 2021 semester.
7. A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship may not receive more than \$90,000 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. Application Process
  - a. Complete the online application prior to the given deadline.
  - b. Eligible students will receive an email from the Educational Programs department with the link to the application once it is available on May 10th. Once you begin the application, you may access your saved work via your student portal through Kaleidoscope.
  - c. Applicants are required to submit the following forms through the online application process.
    - Upload and submit an official transcript that includes all academic semester information including final Spring 2021 grade information. Transcripts that are mailed into the Educational Programs office will not be accepted. Grade verification for the Spring 2021 semester will be a separate process through the new Kaleidoscope system.
    - Upload and submit ***Financial Aid Package/Award Letters*** from the institution's you have attended (a minimum of four semesters is required). Students can print off the school's website or provide an award letter from the school for each year in which you have been enrolled. Applicants are required to submit at least two years of financial aid
    - Applicants are required to complete a 2020-2021 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 at least one week after submitting the FAFSA application for you to receive the SAR. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAFSA REPORTS THAT SAY "ESTIMATED EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION." An example is listed below.  
**Correct:** "EFC: #####"  
**Incorrect:** "EFC: ESTIMATED #####"
  - d. Please do not include pages that are not required (ie: letters of recommendation, additional essays, etc.) as they will be discarded.
2. The Achievement Scholarship application process is only available online through Kaleidoscope.
  - a. In order to apply, students must be ACTIVE Show scholars. The application will not appear on a student's account that is on probation, has received a probationary status, 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.

## **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.**

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 beginning of August 2021. 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.