



2019 Achievement Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates to Remember

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Achievement Scholarship

In 2019, 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.

2017 Scholarship Recipients – up to \$16,000, payable for up to two years.

2016 Scholarship Recipients – up to \$8,000, payable for up to one year.

2015 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 current Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship recipient.
2. Be classified as a college junior (60 or more completed hours) or senior (90 or more completed hours) by the application submittal deadline: June 5, 2019. Students must have completed a minimum of **four** college semesters since high school graduation by the conclusion of the Spring 2019 semester. **Students awarded a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in May 2018 are not eligible.**
3. 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.
4. Must be attending or transferring to a four-year university for the Fall 2019 semester.
5. 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

The Scholarship Applicant must:

1. Complete and submit the online portion of the application prior to the deadline.

2. 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.
3. Submit the **Financial Aid Verification Form** and the **Financial Aid Package Notification** from the institution (a minimum of four semesters is required).
 - Financial Aid Verification Form (sent via email upon submission of application)
 - i. Students must provide an estimate of aid, by year, for the remaining years of undergraduate studies.
 - ii. Provide estimated total aid for the entirety of college enrollment. Work study does not count towards the \$90,000 cap.
 - Financial Aid Package Notification
 - i. Students can print of the school's website or provide an award letter from the school's financial aid office for each year in which they have been enrolled.
4. Applicants are required to complete a 2019 – 2020 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 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 #####"

5. Please do not include pages that are not required (ie: letters of recommendation, additional essays, etc.) as they will be discarded.

<p>Documents may be mailed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs P.O. Box 20070 Houston, Texas 77225-0070</p> <p>Fed-Ex/UPS – Documents may be mailed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 2nd Floor, NRG Center 3 NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054</p>	<p>Or delivered to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs 2nd floor, NRG Center 3 NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054</p>
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1. The Achievement Scholarship application is only available online through the Show's website, under the current scholar's webpage. 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. 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 beginning of August 2019. 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.