The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ provide awards for students to attend the Western Art Academy (WAA) held in Kerrville, Texas. The award will be presented to outstanding 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students participating in the School Art Program. The dates for the summer 2020 session are June 14 – July 11, 2020 at the Schreiner University Campus in Kerrville, Texas.

WAA SCHOLARSHIP
The Western Art Academy is a four-week program held in Kerrville, Texas under the direction of Schreiner University. Students study sculpture and oil painting with a focus on Western heritage as their subject matter. Students work with models and are taken on field trips for study. Students will receive 3 hours of college credit if they complete the course with a passing grade.

Classes are conducted Monday through Saturday. Students stay in housing at Schreiner University and are chaperoned by WAA staff members. Sundays are free days, though still chaperoned. Students are not able to leave campus without a chaperone.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provides all fees, art materials, housing and food. Students are responsible only for transportation from Schreiner University, as well as laundry fees and any miscellaneous personal expenses. A charter bus will be provided to transport students to WAA if desired. Once students have checked in, they may not use their own cars. After the students are checked in at the Western Art Academy, any family and friends who have accompanied the student depart and can then return on the last day for the closing reception where the students will be honored and their artwork displayed. There will also be one visitation weekend.

Students who attend WAA are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct provided by the Western Art Academy. This code of conduct prohibits consumption of alcohol, sexual promiscuity, and use of drugs and misbehavior of any kind. There will be no exceptions to the conduct required and zero tolerance for students who do not conform to the purpose and intent of WAA. Students may be dismissed from WAA due to misconduct; transportation will not be provided for any students dismissed from the workshop.

Students who are extended and accept an invitation to WAA MUST complete the entire course. Students who, without prior consent from Show management, do not complete the course will forfeit further auction, educational opportunities, and college scholarship opportunities through the School Art Program.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible to apply for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, a student must meet artistic and academic criteria. HLSR judge members will interview selected applicants and review their art portfolios as part of the final selection process.

Artistic: Applicants must be high school 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade students whose artwork receives Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit or Finalist honors in the current year's School Art Program competition. Applicants who qualify for an interview must bring their portfolios and sketchbooks with them for review.

Academic Standing: To be eligible to apply, a student must be passing all subjects with a minimum grade of 70 at the time of application. If the applicant’s interview will occur during a grading period other than the one when application was made, the applicant must provide proof of academic eligibility. Academic eligibility will be verified by a school official and/or by documentation as required by the application.

Letter of Recommendation: A letter of recommendation from the student's art teacher must be included with the application. Letters may be handwritten or typed but should not exceed one 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper, front and back. The letter of recommendation should be submitted in a sealed envelope with the art teacher's signature across the seal. The student’s name, school district and school name, grade level and art teacher’s name must be in the upper right corner of the first page. The letter of recommendation should include, but is not limited to, the following points: the art teacher’s assessment of how the student would benefit from participating in the WAA Workshop, the student’s ability, talent and strengths, and such personal observations that provide insight into the character of the student that would be helpful in the evaluation process.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications will be given to eligible 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, whose artwork received Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit or Finalist honors in the current year’s competition, by their art teachers following the district judging. Application eligibility letters are disseminated by Educational Opportunity Representatives (EORs) who are members of the School Art Committee and are present at the judging. If needed, a digital copy of the application can be requested by the student or the student’s teacher by contacting the School Art Scholarship/Workshop Representative whose name and phone number is on the bottom of your application eligibility letter or found online at http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/School-Art.

Applications must be completed and returned to School Art Program at the following address:
Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date of February 3, 2020. The specific date also appears on the individual student’s application packet envelope. Applications will not be returned and become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE
HLSR judge members conduct the evaluation and selection of applicants for the Western Art Academy. A personal interview and review of the applicant’s portfolio are part of the final selection process. Final determination of the recipients and alternates is the decision of HLSR volunteers and is based on the application, Grand Prix score, interview, and portfolio review.

Interview: Completed applications received by the appropriate deadline date will be reviewed for content (teacher recommendation letters, application questions answered in detail, application postmarked by deadline date) and ranked based on the Grand Prix score awarded to the applicant’s artwork if applicable. Based on this ranking and content, applicants will be selected for an individual interview and portfolio review. These interviews are tentatively scheduled for March 28-29, 2020, at NRG Center.

A member of the School Art Committee will notify each student who qualifies for an interview and confirm the interview time. Students who plan to apply for WAA should reserve March 28-29, 2020 pending interview confirmation; the interview cannot be rescheduled due to time constraints.

Portfolio: Students selected for an interview should be prepared to bring a representative art portfolio of a minimum 5 examples of their most recent work in addition to a sketchbook. If the applicant works in more than one medium, examples of work in each media should be included. Examples can be the work itself (preferred) or a photo of the work. You may not bring slides.

Portfolio examples should show the range of the applicant’s art interests, talent, artistic growth, and ability. Portfolio examples do not have to be of Western art subjects. Please include work done using live models.

Suggestions for the portfolio include:
1. 12 x 16 inches or larger of a self-portrait or portrait study drawn directly from life - not a photo reference (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
2. 12 x 16 inches or larger drawing of a hand (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
3. drawings done from life
4. sketches from sketch books
5. examples of 3-dimensional work

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will not retain the portfolio.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENTS
Recipients of the Western Art Academy scholarship will be notified by members of the School Art Committee. Please do not contact Schreiner University or Western Art Academy regarding interview or application status.

Students who are selected for WAA are expected to fulfill their commitment to attend the course. Should any of the selected recipients be unable to attend, the next qualified alternate will fill that student’s slot.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact the School Art Scholarship/Workshop Representative whose name and phone number is on the bottom of your application eligibility letter or contact the School Art staff coordinator, at 832-667-1110.
Full Name of Applicant: ___________________________ ☐Male ☐Female

Email: ___________________________________________ School Email: ___________________________________________

Parent Email: _______________________________________ Grade: __________

Home Address: ______________________________________

City: ___________________________ ZIP: __________

School District: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

Name of Sponsoring Art Teacher: ___________________________

Teacher Phone: ___________________________ Teacher Email: ___________________________

A letter of recommendation must be attached in a sealed and signed envelope for the application to be considered. Is a letter of recommendation from art teacher attached to this application? ☐Yes ☐No

Title and medium of qualifying piece of art: ___________________________

Recognition received: ☐Best of Show ☐Gold Medal ☐Special Merit ☐Finalist

Have you participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Program prior to this year? ☐Yes ☐No

Have you participated in the Western Art Academy? ☐Yes ☐No

Have you participated in the School Art Auction? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, briefly describe previous participation and honors received:

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Briefly describe art instruction you have received either in school or in private lessons and the benefit you feel you have received from this additional experience:

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List the art media in which you have worked:

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List the awards or recognition you have received for your artwork and the dates of these honors. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary (include your name and school at the top of the page).

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Please describe why you want to attend the WAA Workshop, what you hope to gain if selected to attend, and any information about you, your talent or circumstances that would help in evaluating your application properly (you may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

High School Official (Registrar or Principal)

I have examined this application for ___________________________ and find the records to be true, accurate and complete. The applicant is eligible to apply and is passing all subjects with a 70 or better average grade. All required documentation is attached.

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High School Official (Printed or Typed)  title

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Signature of High School Official  email

Phone Number  Date

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. If selected to receive a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, I understand that I am expected to abide by the policies governing the Western Art Academy. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

I hereby authorize any person, firm or entity to release to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, honors and awards. A copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or any other media.

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Signature of Applicant:  Date:

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Signature of Parent or Guardian:  Date: