



2023 Houston Area Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates to Remember

December 5, 2022	Application Available Online
January 31, 2023 – 7:59 PM	Online Application Closes
February 15, 2023 – 4:59 pm	School Official Submission Closes
May 2023	Recipient selection notification
June 2023	Scholarship Banquet

HOUSTON AREA SCHOLARSHIP

In 2023, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (the “Show”) will award 350 four-year, \$20,000 Houston Area Scholarships to outstanding students graduating from Houston-area public school districts in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties.

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 Texas college or university.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, a Houston Area 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 approved private, charter or public high school in one of the Houston-area school districts in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties.
4. Be a graduating senior in the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Be ranked in the top half (1/2) of the graduating class, at the completion of the first semester of the senior year. This ranking is to be verified as a part of the official transcript or by an accompanying certification from an appropriate school official.
6. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university (accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor’s degree. 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 – Submission of School Official information prior to given deadline
2. Houston Area Scholarship applications are only available online through the Show’s website, www.rodeohouston.com, under the Educational Support Area.
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 at least one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAFSA REPORTS THAT SAY “ESTIMATED EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.”

4. A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship may not receive more than \$110,000 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. 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. All required documentation will be uploaded during the application completion process. All documents must be submitted via the online application. No paper documents will be accepted.
Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted! There are no changes to submitted applications.
6. Applicants are required to provide a school official’s contact information for Part 2 of the application. The school official must be able to provide the applicant’s class ranking, GPA, and official transcript. It is the applicant’s responsibility to confirm that the school official listed can provide the required information by the stated guidelines. After submission, there are no changes to applications, including updating or changing information for the school official.

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.

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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.

NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS

Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Show’s Office of Educational Programs in May 2023. Notifications are made via email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Recipients will be expected to attend the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Banquet to be held in Houston in June 2023.

Applications and a documentation become the 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.