



ARIZONA CATTLE INDUSTRY RESEARCH and EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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SCHOLARSHIP and GRANT APPLICATION

(Available to Arizona Residents Only)

One of the major purposes of the Foundation is to provide funds for education programs and scholarships to deserving **high school seniors and college undergraduates (highly preferred)**. The amount of scholarships awarded varies, depending on available funds and number of applicants.

- Student must carry **12 credit hours per semester** and maintain a 2.5 GPA to be eligible.
- Student **must** be pursuing studies in **courses and careers** directly or indirectly **related to the cattle industry**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15 (postmarked)

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Arizona Home Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Address During School: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

How many family members are dependent on parent's income (excluding parents) _____

List members of your family who will be in college next year: _____

APPLICATION PAPERWORK

NO STAPLES OR BINDERS – ONLY ENCLOSE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PAGES

1. Complete a Letter of Intent plus one page of activities/honors – 2 page limit.
2. Submit a copy of your **most recent** high school or college **Official Transcripts**; include your current registered courses.
3. Submit three current letters of reference – request them to be dated, on letterhead, signed, and only 1 page each. Letters from family members or personal friends will carry less weight than teachers, employers, professionals, etc.
4. The committee will give greater consideration to those students with 1) **high scholastic achievements**, 2) **financial need** and 3) **ranching or farming experience**.
5. Current Photo suitable for publication - photo will not be returned.
6. **All scholarships and tuition waivers** received for the next school year, **amounts and purpose** (i.e. scholar, rodeo, judging, etc.) **MUST BE LISTED** as well as the cost of your **school tuition and books (only)**.
7. Complete the attached questionnaire using only the space provided – 1 page.
8. All requested information must be included in the application packet; post marked by March 15th and received no later than March 22nd.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School Attended: _____ Cumulative HS G.P.A (A=4) _____

All Colleges/Universities Attended: _____

School where you are currently enrolled _____ Current Semester Units _____

I am currently a ☐HS Senior ☐College Freshman ☐College Sophomore ☐College Junior ☐College Senior

College/University you will attend next semester: _____

Note: If you have not completed one year at a college or university with grades/GPA, send an official high school transcript.

College Major: _____ Minor: _____

Cumulative College G.P.A. (A=4): _____ Total Units Completed: _____

LETTER OF INTENT

Use a maximum of two typed 8 1/2" x 11" single-sided sheets of paper to describe yourself and answer these questions.

COMPOSITION AND SPELLING ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

- I. Describe your **career plans and goals as it relates to the cattle industry**; personal desires to further education and plans after graduation. How will your selected school and major prepare you for a career in the cattle industry?
- II. Briefly summarize your **achievements and activities**: awards, extracurricular activities, offices held, honors and **scholarships and waivers** (include dates and amounts awarded) and anticipated **cost of tuition and books** (only).
- III. Discuss your **financial need**: list parent(s) name, occupation, employer and number of dependents and those in college.
- IV. Describe your participation with equine, ranching, agriculture or related activities and accomplishments. Extra consideration will be given to those students whose families are involved in the field of Agriculture.

REFERENCES

List the three individuals you asked to send letters of recommendation. Reference letters should discuss your character and your goals. Letters must be current and dated. Academic and professional references preferred (persons other than family).

1. Name: _____

Title / Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

2. Name: _____

Title / Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

3. Name: _____

Title / Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

- I understand it is my responsibility to confirm all required paperwork is received by the ACIREF.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee of the ACIREF has my permission to review the academic records submitted in support of my application for this scholarship.
- I give my permission for the ACIREF to use my name, photo and application information for publication.
- Incomplete applications or applications received after the due date will not be reviewed.
- Payment will be made to recipients upon confirmation of your registration. **It is the responsibility of the scholarship winner to contact ACIREF to request scholarship funds upon proof of registration.**

Signature

Date

Mail completed application with all attachments to: Linda Vensel, PO Box 55, Patagonia, AZ 85624

Applicant's Name: _____

Scholarship Questionnaire

In lieu of an interview, the following questionnaire must be completed.
Use only the space provided on this form for your answers to the questions.

1. What do you think will be the major advancement or innovation in agriculture in the next ten years?
2. While in college, how will you contribute to campus life outside of class?
3. What are your greatest strengths? And Weaknesses?
4. Tell me about a mistake that you made and what you learned from it.
5. How do you define success?
6. What three adjectives best describes you?
7. What will you do if you don't obtain financial assistance?
8. What are your plans for this summer?