

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – Opportunity Scholarship

Due date: 2-19-2010

Amount: \$15,000 four year award (multiple scholarships given)

Organization: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Website address: www.rodeohouston.com or
<http://www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/s-opportunity.aspx>

Download application: <http://www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/s-opportunity.aspx>

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Qualifications:

Citizenship: The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or be born in the United States and be a resident of the state of Texas. Students with permanent residence status are not eligible.

Residency: The applicant must be a graduating senior or have been a qualified mid-term graduate of one of the accredited participating public senior high schools in the school districts listed.

Academic Standing: The applicant must be a graduating senior ranked in the upper one-half of his/her graduating class at the completion of his/her first semester of the senior year or at the time of the applicant's mid-term graduation. Applicant also must have successfully passed the TAKS MASTERY / EXIT LEVEL exam at the time of completion.

College Entrance Examination: No application will be accepted without SAT or ACT scores. Applicants must score a minimum of 1210 on the SAT or 17 on the ACT.

Collegiate Acceptance/Enrollment: Applicant must enroll in or plan to enroll in either a college or university in the state of Texas and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree.

Activities: Leadership potential and character of the applicant should be demonstrated through an applicant's responses to the categories of the application detailing school, extracurricular, and community activities and achievements.

Limit on Other Scholarships/Financial Aid: A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship may not receive \$40,000 or more from financial aid or any other scholarships and remain eligible to receive the Show scholarship. Applicants must list all financial aid and

scholarships for which they have applied and the status of those awards as part of the application. If selected as a finalist for a Show scholarship, the applicant will be notified and must verify all other financial aid and scholarships received. Other financial aid or scholarships received will be verified by submission of award letters from individual donors and financial aid offices of the college/university the recipient will attend. Funds will not be disbursed without such verification. The scholarship award is not confirmed without such verification. Failure to disclose completely all financial aid and/or other scholarships will be considered grounds for forfeiture of the award.

Other Documents Needed:

Documentation: Each application must be accompanied by an official transcript, citizenship documentation, if place of birth is other than the United States; official proof of either SAT or ACT scores; and narrative. The block containing class rank and SAT / ACT must be filled out by the school registrar where indicated.

Narrative: Each applicant must include a typed or handwritten narrative of no more than two, 8½-inch by 11-inch sheets, double-spaced. The narrative is extremely important, as it takes the place of a personal interview. It should address why a college education is important to the applicant and what he/she plans to do for a career. In the narrative, the applicant also should present any information to which he/she feels the evaluators should pay particular attention. Applicant's name, address and high school must appear as a heading to the narrative in the upper right hand corner of page one. Applications submitted without a narrative will not be considered.

References: Each applicant may submit up to three letters of personal reference from people other than the school official who certifies application material.

GPA: Not specified, but must be ranked in top 50% of class

Gender: Either

Ethnicity: Any

School: Any in Cy-Fair ISD or other participating districts (see website)

Requires School Committee/Nomination: NO