

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – Opportunity Scholarship

Due date: March 4, 2012

Amount: \$16,000 four year award (114 scholarships given)

Organization: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Website address: www.rodeohouston.com or
<http://www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/downloads/2012%20Opportunity%20Guidlines.pdf>

Download application: <http://www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/apply.aspx>

Address: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225-0070

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Qualifications

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, a Opportunity 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 a public high school in one of the Houston-area public school districts in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties
4. Be a graduating senior in the 2011-2012 school year.
5. Score at least a 1210 on the SAT or 17 on the ACT. A copy of official documentation of SAT/ACT scores must be submitted with the application. This may be a copy of the form sent by SAT/ACT or a high school transcript listing scores. SAT score must be comprised of total points from the critical reading, mathematics and writing sections of the test from a single testing date. No updated test scores or academic scores or rankings will be accepted after the application due date.
6. 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.
7. Complete and pass all necessary standardized tests for graduation and admittance to the college and/or university declared in the scholarship application.
8. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university and participate in a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree.

Other Documents Needed:

1. The Scholarship Applicant must:
 - a. Complete and submit the online portion of the application prior to the deadline.
 - b. Submit a completed supplemental documentation packet, including:
 - ☑ Individual Scholastic Record completed and signed by a school records official
 - ☑ the student's official transcript for entire high school education to date (9th-12th grades), must be original, no copies accepted
 - ☑ official proof of either SAT or ACT score
 - ☑ copy of the student's FAFSA Student Aid Report
 - ☑ signed Certification and Authorization for Verification form
 - ☑ include confirmation number on all documents
 - c. Contain no supplemental pages that are not requested or required.

2. Opportunity Scholarship applications are only available online through the Show's website, www.rodeohouston.com, under the Scholarship Area. The Supplemental Documentation packet must be mailed or hand delivered, in one packet, to the Show's Office of Educational Programs.

3. The Individual Scholastic Record includes the student's class rank, GPA and the maximum possible GPA of the school. The ISR must be completed and verified by a school records official (principal, counselor, registrar, etc.).

4. 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 approximately one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report.

5. A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship may not receive more than \$75,000 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 be considered grounds for forfeiture of the award.

6. Additional documents must be postmarked or delivered to the Show office no later than the deadline date of March 5, 2012. An application is not complete until the Office of Educational Programs has received the required documents. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted!** Required documents may be mailed to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Office of Educational Programs
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, Texas 77225-0070
Or delivered to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Office of Educational Programs
Reliant Center, 2nd floor
8334 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas 77054

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