



Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation Application FAQs

When can I apply?

TSCRF scholarship applications are available the first week of September via the Cattle Raisers Museum website, cattleraisersmuseum.org

If I am not awarded a scholarship, can I apply the next year?

Yes, you can reapply the following year

If I am awarded a scholarship, is it renewable?

No, TSCRF scholarships are not renewable. You may re-apply each year for a scholarship.

When are the applications due?

Application due dates are determined each year based on the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention dates; so the due date varies a little each year. Generally, the applications are due the first week of February. Check the deadline date on the website and on the application form.

Your application can be submitted via our website (along with required documents) or via mail. Regardless of how the application is submitted, all applications are due in our office **by the due date**. **If mailing, please be sure to mail it so that we receive it by the due date; postmarks WILL NOT be accepted. Any applications and supplemental forms received after the application due date WILL NOT be accepted.**

Can I submit the recommendations forms online?

No. Recommendation forms **MUST** be mailed to our office regardless if submitting on-line. Person(s) filling out the form can either mail directly to our office or they may place in a sealed, signed envelope to be included with the applicant's packet. **If the recommendation forms are returned by the applicant and are not in a sealed envelope, signed by the individual providing the recommendation, the recommendation forms will not be accepted, and the application will be deemed incomplete and your application will not be considered.**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their recommendation forms are returned to the office by the application due date.

Do I (or my family) have to be a TSCRA member?

No. If you are not a TSCRA member you are required to be sponsored by a current TSCRA member and will need to include their information on the application.

If I need a TSCRA sponsor how do I obtain one?

You will need to check with people in your community (i.e. neighbors, church, school). We are unable to provide sponsors to you or provide information for TSCRA members in your area.

What if there is not enough room on the application for my answers?

It is fine to attach additional page(s) to your application should you need the additional room.

When will I be notified if I am receiving a scholarship or not?

Recipients will receive notification via email the middle of March. Email notification will be followed by a letter and certificate sent by mail.

All applicants that were not selected will receive a letter by mail the third week in March.

If I am a recipient of a scholarship will the award be sent to me?

No, the check will be sent in two equal payments to the university you will be attending and payment to the university will be dependent on verification that you are registered as a full-time student and that you are registered for the major designated on your application.

To receive the first payment for the fall semester, you will need to turn in the certificate you receive to the financial aid/scholarship office. The school will fill out the certificate and forward to our office, along with verification of full-time enrollment. Once we receive these items the first payment will be forwarded.

Upon completion of the fall semester, you will need to forward a copy of your grades to confirm you maintained the required gpa along with your class schedule for the spring to verify you are enrolled full-time. Upon receipt of these items, the second payment will be forwarded to the school.

Anything Else?

Be sure to include all required application materials. **Applications missing any materials and/or not completely filled out will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.** You will not be notified if any materials are missing.

If mailing in your packet, please use paperclips rather than staples as copies will need to be made of your application.

If printing out the application please keep everything single sided – DO NOT PRINT OUT DOUBLE SIDED. Multiple copies of the application must be made and printing double-sided hinders the process. Same for recommendation forms please keep everything single sided. If you need additional room, DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF APPLICATION OR RECOMMENDATION FORMS – ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER.

We need to receive a photo, preferably a headshot, with your application. If you are submitting your application online; the photo needs to be a jpg format. If mailing your application, please include an actual photo (no copies) with your application and write your name on the back of the photo. Photo size should be 4"x6" or 3"x5".

If mailing your packet, please send your packet in an 8 ½ x 10 envelope, no folding please. It is recommended to send your packet with delivery confirmation to verify delivery.

Please do not call the office to inquire if we received your application. Due to the high volume of scholarship packets received we are unable to provide individual confirmation of the receipt of the packet and/or supporting documents.