

# Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation

## 2022-2023 Scholarship Guidelines

1. Parent/legal guardian or grandparent must be a current paid member of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association. Please make sure your parent/grandparent is a current member prior to sending the application. **We will not accept applications with membership dues - you must be a member in good standing before you send in the application.**
2. Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two or four-year institution of higher learning or trade college for the 2022-2023 school year are eligible to apply.
3. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation. The letter must be from someone involved in agriculture (i.e., County Director, 4-H or FFA Leader, County Cattlemen, etc.). The letter should be included with the application.
4. Attach your personal information typed on a separate sheet of paper. Personal information should be no longer than four pages. Please remember to include all involvement with livestock and if you are a MJCA member or have attended Making Tracks. **Do not staple.**
5. Attach a typed essay of 300-600 words, discussing your involvement in agriculture, your career goals, ambitions for the future, and describe your leadership potential. Include how should we, as representatives of the beef industry, educate the consumer on our products and practices?
6. Applicant must submit, with the application, the most recent available high school or college transcript. If your ACT/SAT scores are not included on your transcript, please send them along with the application materials. **We understand that fall grades may not be ready by the time the applications are due (you can send the semester before).** Please send your most current complete transcript.
7. Scholarships will be payable during the calendar year 2022. **To redeem scholarship, recipients must provide Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation with proof of college enrollment by August 1, 2022. Funds for scholarships will be sent directly to the recipients' home/parents address.** In the event a recipient does not use the funding in 2022/2023, the unused portion shall be kept for a period of two (2) years. After that time the funds will be forfeited.
8. **Applications must be returned to the Mississippi Cattlemen's office by December 22, 2021 to be considered. Late applications will not be sent to the judges.**
9. **If all of the above information is not submitted with the application by the December 22, 2021 deadline, the application will not be considered. The application and all accompanying information must be sent together (application, personal info, recommendation letter, essay, and transcript or it will not be considered for a scholarship. With the high volume of applications this rule will be strictly enforced so that no information is lost or misplaced. Applications must be in the MCA office by December 22, 2021 or they will not be accepted. We will not accept emailed or faxed applications.**

**Note to applicants:**

- **Applications MUST be typed or neatly written.** Points will be taken off for untidy applications.
- Attach your personal information typed on a separate sheet of paper. Personal information should be no longer than four pages. Please remember to include all involvement with livestock and if you are a MJCA member. Resumes and/or extra pages other than those stated (personal info, essay, transcript) will not be forwarded to the judges.
- Make sure that your parent/grandparent is a current paid member of MCA **before** you send your application. You can call the MCA office at (601) 354-8951 ask for Tori.
- **Please do not staple, specially bind application** materials or use special paper, color ink or graphics. Please no pictures of yourself in the application! Applications will be photocopied and provided to the selection committee in black and white.
- Before you mail your application please make sure you have filled out all the information and signed the application. Points are deducted for failure to follow directions.
- **The judging panel evaluates the applications based on need, involvement in MJCA, participation in agricultural/livestock organizations (FFA/4H/etc.), academic achievement, quality of essay, leadership activities, neatness, financial need, and knowledge of the cattle industry.**
- **Please double check phone numbers and contact info. If your info. changes please call us! In the past we have tried to contact winners only to find out their contact info was incorrect or they did not check voice mail and/or email. We only use the information provided to contact you.**

**Application packet must include:**

- completed and signed application
- letter of reference
- maximum 600 word typed essay
- current school transcript (college freshman, please submit final high school transcript)

The Scholarship Committee will not consider applications that are incomplete or lack the related documents for review.

If you have questions please call the MCA office at (601) 354-8951

***\*Special note: If you receive a scholarship we ask that you or a family member help work the Cattlemen's Beef Barn for one 6 hour shift during the State Fair or Dixie National.***

***Mail applications to: Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation • Attn: LeAnne Peters  
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