

Richard Gebhart Leadership Legacy Scholarship Application

CRITERIA

Qualifications

- Applicants must be involved in the beef cattle industry with plans to continue their involvement through their educational and career plans.
- By June 15, 2025, applicants must have been awarded a 4-year degree and be enrolled in and/or pursuing a post-graduate degree (Master's, PhD, Law Degree, Veterinarian, Etc.)
- Applicants must be able to show experience and involvement in cattle industry leadership activities.
- Individual applicants must be annual or lifetime members in good standing of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) or their state cattlemen's association (This **DOES NOT** include Student, Junior, College, Cattlewomen, Family, Ranch, Spouse, Parent, Grandparent, or Breed Association Memberships).

All application must be emailed, submitted online or postmarked by June 15, 2025.

Application & Interview Process

- A completed application packet includes: Application, Essay, Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, **Minimum of three (3) proposed white paper topics, Resume and College Transcripts.** The packet must be emailed, submitted online or postmarked by June 15, 2025.
- The selection committee will evaluate all applications and select a group of **3-5** finalists they wish to interview in order to determine the recipient.
- Interviews will be conducted on **Friday, July 25, 2025**, during the Annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Convention & Trade Show.

Recipient's Commitment and Opportunities

- The recipient will be notified at the conclusion of the interviews and should plan to accept their scholarship in person at the Annual OCA Convention & Trade Show Awards Banquet on Saturday, July 26, 2025.
- The recipient will be expected to provide a white paper on an issue of importance to the cattle industry within a year of being selected. **The topic will be selected based upon the recipient's area of study, proposed topics from the applicant and input from the selection committee.** The white paper may be published in the Oklahoma Cowman magazine, on the OCA website or in the OCA e-newsletter.
- The recipient may also be afforded speaking or interview opportunities on the topic of the white paper after publication.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type)

Full Name: _____

Campus Address: _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current paid member of which state cattlemen's association: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Please check one)

Student ID or SSN: _____

Currently Enrolled At: _____

Degree Currently Pursuing: _____

Credit Hours Earned: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Universities Attended For:

Bachelor's: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

Master's: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

Other: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Not to exceed 4 pages, Please type on separate paper or include with resume)

- Scholastic Honors/Awards
 - Livestock Background/Involvement
 - Livestock/Other Organizational Awards
 - Memberships with other Organizations
 - Community Involvement /Volunteer Work
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ESSAYS

(Typed and double spaced)

Applicant should draft a 1000-1500 word essay on a topic of their choice related to the beef industry. The topic should be relevant and important to the beef industry currently and/or in the future. Ideally the essay topic will be related to the applicant's plans for graduate work and future professional goals.

- Completed Application
- Essay
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Minimum of three (3) proposed white paper topics**
- Resume**
- College Transcripts
- Do NOT staple or bind the application in anyway except with a paper clip.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail or Email Application to:

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Scholarships
Attn: Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation
PO Box 82395
Oklahoma City, OK 73148

Michael Kelsey; mkelsey@okcattlemen.org

***Applications that are not completed with all information will not be considered.**

****For more information please call (405) 235-4391 or email Michael Kelsey at mkelsey@okcattlemen.org.**