

# Richard Gebhart Leadership Legacy Scholarship Application

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## CRITERIA

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### Qualifications

- Applicants must be involved in the beef cattle industry with plans to continue their involvement through their educational and career plans.
- By June 1, 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 1, 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 1, 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.

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type)

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current paid member of which state cattlemen's association: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Please check one)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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## ESSAYS

**(Typed and double spaced)**

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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.

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- ☐ 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.**