

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 1, 2023, 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, 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, 2023.

Application & Interview Process

- A completed application packet includes: Application, Essay, Two (2) Letters of Recommendation. The packet must be emailed, submitted online, or postmarked by June 1, 2023.
- The selection committee will evaluate all applications and select a group of finalists they wish to interview in order to determine the recipient.
- Interviews will be conducted on Friday, July 22, 2023, during the 71st Annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Convention and Trade Show.

Recipient's Commitment and Opportunities

- The recipient will be notified in advance and should plan to accept their scholarship in person at the 71st Annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Convention & Trade Show, July 21-22, 2023.
- 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 by the OCA staff based upon the recipient's area of study and current issues within the cattle industry. The white paper will be published in the Oklahoma Cowman magazine and on the OCA website.
- 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
- College Transcript
- 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
PO Box 82395
Oklahoma City, OK 73148

Mariah Reimer, mreimer@okcattlemen.org

Applications that are not completed with all information will not be considered.***For more information please call (405) 308-3030 or email Mariah Reimer at mreimer@okcattlemen.org.**