

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, 2018, 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 applications must be emailed, submitted online or postmarked by June 1, 2018.

Application & Interview Process

- A completed application packet includes: Application, Essay, Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, minimum of three (3) proposed cattle industry white paper topics related to the applicants area of graduate study, resume and college transcripts. The packet must be emailed, submitted online or postmarked by June 1, 2018.
- 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 20, 2018, during the 66th 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 66th Annual OCA Convention & Trade Show Closing Session on Saturday, July 21, 2018.
- 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 cattle industry 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 one of the applicant's proposed cattle industry white paper topics 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: Gebhart Legacy
PO Box 82395
Oklahoma City, OK 73148

Tiffani Pruitt, tpruitt@okcattlemen.org

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

****For more information please call (405) 235-4391 or email Tiffani Pruitt at tpruitt@okcattlemen.org.**