



2012 Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates to Remember

November 2011
February 12, 2012
February 13, 2012
March 2012
March 18, 2012

Release of 2012 Online Application
ONLINE scholarship application due
Supplemental documentation packet postmarked
Interviews
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In 2012, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ will award five two-year, \$8,000 Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarships to outstanding students who qualify through and apply from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Mechanics Program.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Educational Programs are a significant part of the Show's goals of benefiting youth, supporting education, and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. All recipients of Show scholarships must demonstrate academic potential, citizenship/leadership and financial need. Recipients of the Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarship must attend an approved non-profit Texas trade school program in pursuit of an Associate's Degree in the field of Agricultural Technology, Diesel/Automotive Engines, HVAC, Power Systems (electric or hydraulic) or Welding.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, an Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid U. S. passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or a birth certificate for U. S. Citizen Born Abroad). Applications submitted without proof of citizenship will not be considered. Students with permanent resident status are not eligible to apply.
2. Be a Texas resident.
3. Attend an accredited Texas public high school.
4. Be a graduating senior in the 2011-2012 school year.
5. Have entered a project in the 2012 HLSR Agricultural Mechanics Project Show or will compete in the 2012 Tractor Technician Contest Finals at the HLSR.
6. Provide verification of GPA at the completion of the first semester of senior year.
7. Provide a THEA, SAT or ACT score.
8. Complete and pass all necessary standardized tests for graduation and admittance to the college and/or university declared in the scholarship application.
9. Provide an evaluation completed by the student's agricultural science teacher or FFA leader.
10. Have made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas college or university and participate in a curriculum leading to an associate's degree.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The scholarship applicant must:
 - a. Complete and submit the online portion of the application prior to the deadline.
 - b. Submit a completed supplemental documentation packet, including
 - Individual Scholastic Record completed and signed by a school records official
 - The student's official transcript for entire high school education to date (9th-12th grades), must be original, no copies accepted
 - Official proof of either THEA, SAT or ACT score

- Student evaluation, completed by the student's agricultural science teacher or FFA leader.
 - Copy of the student's FAFSA Student Aid Report
 - Signed Certification and Authorization for Verification form
 - Copy of the online submission confirmation
- c. Contain no supplemental pages that are not requested or required.
2. Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarship applications are only available online through the Show's website, www.rodeohouston.com, under the Scholarship Area. The Supplemental Documentation packet must be mailed or hand delivered, in one packet, to the Show's Office of Educational Programs.
 3. The Individual Scholastic Record includes the student's GPA and the maximum possible GPA of the school. The ISR must be completed and verified by a school records official (principal, counselor, registrar, etc.).
 4. Applicants are required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR), which is obtained once the FAFSA is accepted. Please note that it takes approximately one week after submitting the application for you to receive the report.
 5. A recipient of any Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship may not receive more than \$40,000 in funding from financial aid, grants or any other scholarships for the four-year term of an undergraduate degree. This does not include the Show Scholarship or loans. If selected to receive a Show scholarship, the applicant must provide verification of all other financial aid, grants or scholarships received. The scholarship award is not confirmed without such verification and failure to completely disclose all financial aid or other scholarships shall be considered grounds for forfeiture of the award.
 6. Additional documents must be postmarked or delivered to the Show office no later than the deadline date of February 13, 2012. An application is not complete until the Office of Educational Programs has received the required documents. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted!**

Required documents may be mailed to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Office of Educational Programs
P.O. Box 20070
Houston, Texas 77225-0070

Or delivered to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Office of Educational Programs
Reliant Center, 2nd floor
8334 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas 77054

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

It is the sole responsibility of each applicant and their parent/guardian to be aware of all dates and deadlines.

The Show will not accept or consider any late applications. No exceptions will be made.

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EVALUATION PROCEDURE

All completed applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of judges selected by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Incomplete and non-qualifying applications will not be considered. Each application is scored based on academic achievement, high school leadership, activities, awards, community involvement and financial need.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications will not be returned and become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has the right to refuse and/or retract any scholarship application or scholarship award during the judging, awarding or post awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based on, but not limited to, unfactual and incorrect information provided in the application or failure to meet any of the requirements.