

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation

2020 Scholarship Guidelines

- 1. Applicant must be a Missouri resident and a current paid member of the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association or the parent/legal guardian must be a current paid member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.**
- 2. Applicant must submit three letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be from a current Missouri Cattlemen's Association member. Letters should be included with the application.**
3. Applicant must not have previously received a full (\$1,000 or above) Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship.
4. Applicant must be a high school senior or a full-time college student and have a GPA of 2.5/4.0 or better. Applicant must have been a full-time student (high school or college) the previous year and not have reached their 23rd birthday by January 1, 2020. Emphasis will be given to these degree programs: Agribusiness Management, Agriculture Economics, Agriculture Education, Agriculture Journalism, Agriculture Systems Management, Animal Science, General Agriculture, Biochemistry, Food Science and Nutrition and Plant Science.
5. Applicant must submit, with the application, the most recent available high school or college transcript to Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation for proof of grade point average and enrollment.
6. Applicant must demonstrate leadership potential through extracurricular activities and work experiences.
7. Preference may be given to students who plan to/are attending Missouri colleges and universities. Preference will also be given to those who have a need for financial assistance.
8. Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship Committee will review applications and all applicants will be notified regarding the committee's decision by mail on or before November 30, 2020. Scholarship recipients will be honored during the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show on January 8-10, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri.
- 9. Upon completion of judging the applications, the top five applicants will be selected for an interview. The interview will be held on Saturday, January 9 in Columbia, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center during the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show. During the interview, the panel of judges will select the top two to receive an additional \$2,000.**
10. Unless otherwise noted, all Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation scholarships will be \$1,000.
11. Scholarships will be payable during the calendar year 2021. To redeem scholarship, recipients must provide Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation with proof of college enrollment. Funds for scholarships will be sent directly to the recipients' institutions. In the event a recipient does not use all of the funding, the unused portion shall be returned to Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation.
12. All scholarship donor agreements presented to the MCF for approval must be consistent with the mission and policy of MCF. The MCF board may grant exceptions to these overall guidelines.
- 13. Applications must be returned to the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation office and be postmarked by September 30, 2020 to be considered.**

Note to applicants:

- Please use the original form as mailed or provided on the website – www.mocattle.com/scholarshipprogram.aspx
- **Applications MUST be typed.** Points will be taken off for handwritten applications.
- Use only the space provided. No additional pages should be added, except where specified (i.e. essay, transcript). Resumes and/or extra pages will not be forwarded to the judges.
- Please mail application packet in an appropriately sized flat envelope and with appropriate postage.
- It is not necessary to staple, specially bind application materials or use special paper, color ink or graphics. Applications will be photocopied and provided to the selection committee in black and white.
- Applications will be scored using the following point system: Communication - 10 points; Leadership - 20 points; Community Involvement - 15 points; Agricultural Involvement - 20 points; Scholastic/Academic - 10 points; Financial Need - 5 points; Cattlemen's Association Involvement - 5 points; Work History - 5 points; and General Impression - 10 points.

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: September 30, 2020

Application needs to be typed

Legal Name _____

Birth Date _____ MCA Membership Number _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s) _____

Permanent Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ County _____

Current Address (if in college) _____

City/State/Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Background Information

High School

Name _____

Year Graduated _____ Grade Point Average _____

College: ___ Applied ___ Accepted ___ Current student

Name _____

Major _____ Hours Completed _____ Grade Point _____

Are you working part-time? ___ Yes ___ No Number of hours per week _____

What is your work history? _____

Number of family members (including yourself) in college _____

Please limit answers to the available space

Describe your future goals and why you have chosen this field of study:

Describe your agricultural involvement:

Major high school or college/university activities in which you have participated (Please use ONLY the available space)

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF YEARS	LEADERSHIP ROLES

Major honors & special recognition:

Describe any involvement in your local or state Cattlemen's Association:

Describe any community involvement:

Briefly explain the extent of your financial need:

Essay

Maximum 500 words: "*Why I should receive a scholarship from Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation*"

Attach sheets as necessary.

Application packet must include:

- completed and signed application
- three letters of reference
- maximum 500 word typed essay describing "why you should receive a scholarship from Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation"
- current school transcript (college freshman, please submit final high school transcript)

The Scholarship Committee may not consider applications that are incomplete or lack the related documents for review. **Applications postmarked after September 30, 2020 will not be accepted**

Send application packet to:

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation
2306 Bluff Creek Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation may use my name and photo in public press releases in the event I am awarded a scholarship as a result of this application.

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

Mission Statement

The mission of MCF is to promote the educational development of rural youth by aiding injured children, providing farm safety training, leadership programs, and scholarships.