

## 2017 GCF&R SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. is proud to offer several scholarships to eligible Galveston County high school seniors. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be determined by the amount of available funds and the rating of the applicant. Applicants are rated on scholastic achievement, agricultural related participation, Summer Series Youth Rodeo participation, community service, leadership, financial need, and a narrative.

Each applicant must be a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, or Summer Series Youth Rodeo participant, must be a graduate from a high school (public, private or TEA-approved schooling at home) within Galveston County I.S.D. boundaries during the school year of application and begin college, university, or trade school the following Fall semester. All applicants must have entered/shown livestock and/or youth projects for at least **two** years with one of the years being the current year's fair and/or have participated in at least two summer series rodeos with one of them being the most recently held summer series. Scholarships are awarded for any area of study.

The deadline for applying for a 2017 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., scholarship is **Thursday, February 16, 2017**. Completed applications will be accepted in the Fair Office until 5pm on this date or bring your application in early to avoid missing the deadline.

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and will be awarded on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in the Rodeo Arena prior to the Junior Livestock Auction**. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. Thank you for your interest and good luck to all of those applying in 2017!

### **Available Scholarships**

All applicants will be considered for scholarships offered through GCF&R. These include the GCF&R scholarships, the Clyde Smith Memorial, the Mike King Memorial, the Allen Welch Memorial, the Bill Born Memorial, the Sonny Sewell Memorial and the Skufca Family Foundation Scholarship. ***Special requirements may apply to each of these scholarships. Any special requirements will be listed in your award letter which you will receive the night of the presentation of scholarships.*** The Clyde Smith Memorial, Mike King Memorial, Allen Welch Memorial, Bill Born Memorial and Sonny Sewell Memorial scholarships are given in memory of those individuals who for many years contributed their time and efforts to make the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo a success for the youth of Galveston County. The Skufca Family Foundation was established to touch people's lives in a way that would make a positive difference in their future. This scholarship fund will assist a graduating senior to be able to obtain his/her goal of beginning his/her college career which otherwise would not be obtainable.

### **Photograph**

Each Applicant must furnish a bust photograph, no smaller than a 2"x3" and no larger than a 5"x7" printed on photo paper. Applicant's name should be written on the back of the photograph. Do not use a permanent marker.

### **Application**

Applicants must complete a Scholarship Application available online or at the Fair Office. **Attached to the application must be one copy of the high school transcript, a photograph for publication and a one page narrative.** A copy of your college entrance examination scores should also be attached if you have already taken them. **The narrative should be typed, follow the MLA format and include the activities and interest in leadership, citizenship activities, activities and interest in agriculture and/or rodeo, and future course of study.** The need for the scholarship should also be included in the narrative.

### **Scholarship Recipients**

Must present a copy of their High School Diploma and a copy of their Fall Semester's fee statement & enrollment showing the classes and hours (at least 12 hours required) they have enrolled in for the semester before the first installment is paid. Scholarship funds are distributed in equal installments at the beginning of each semester (August - September for the Fall semester and January - February for the Spring semester).

A transcript of the first semester's work and enrollment verification for the next semester must be sent to the Fair Office before the amount for the second semester is forwarded. A 2.0 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) per semester is required by each recipient to receive scholarship funds. Recipients must also maintain, complete and receive credit for a minimum of 12 hours per semester. The Skufca Family Foundation Scholarship is received in two equal installments and requires a 3.2 G.P.A. in order to receive the second installment.

Trade School enrollees must provide to the Fair Office a copy of their High School Diploma and enrollment verification as active full-time or co-op basis in Trade School before the first installment is paid. The payment of the second installment will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based upon how levels of completion are determined by the Trade School in which you are enrolled. Additional paperwork may be requested by the Scholarship Committee.

Recipients must keep in contact with the Fair Office concerning their scholarship award. **Recipients who do not contact the Fair Office about their scholarship by October 31, 2017 will forfeit any and all awards.** Any recipient who needs to have their scholarship held to a later date, must write a letter of explanation to the scholarship committee for their approval. Recipients who receive a payment(s), but fail to contact the Fair Office again for a period of one semester will forfeit any and all awards not already paid. Time limits apply for usage of scholarship. All awards not used in the allowed period of time will be forfeited.

### **Scholarship Renewals**

Recipients who are eligible may request to renew by contacting the Fair Office for a renewal application. Completed renewal applications are due each year in August to apply for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters. Renewal recipients will be required to have a 2.0 GPA and must remain at that level or above for the remainder of their college career. Renewal applicants must also provide enrollment verification, last semester's transcript, and maintain, complete & receive credit for a minimum of 12 hours per semester.