

2021 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 or reside in Galveston County during the school year of application and begin college, university, or trade school the following Fall semester. All applicants must have participated in the fair (entered/shown livestock, youth projects or ag mechanics) 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 2021 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., scholarship is **Thursday, March 11, 2021**. 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, due to the current pandemic, scholarship recipient selections and amounts will be determined after the 2021 Livestock Fair. Applicants who get selected will be notified by the Scholarship Committee, and at that time, will be given the information as to when they can pick up their award along with other important information regarding their scholarship. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. Thank you for your interest and good luck to all of those applying in 2021!

Available Scholarships

All applicants will be considered for scholarships offered through GCF&R. These may include but are not limited to the GCF&R scholarships, the Clyde Smith Memorial, the Paul Tibaldo Memorial, the Mike King Memorial, the Allen Welch Memorial, the Bill Born Memorial, the Sonny Sewell Memorial, the Steve Williams Memorial, the Novosad Family Scholarship and the Ricky Ware Memorial. ***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 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 year 2020 saw us lose two of these special individuals, Ricky Ware and Paul Tibaldo. Ricky Ware was highly active in the swine and lamb shows for many years. Paul Tibaldo grew up showing at the fair and had been involved with the fair as a 4-H leader and fair volunteer, director & Fair Official. Paul Tibaldo was the longest reigning President for the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, an office he held for 20 years.

Photograph

Each Applicant must furnish a bust photograph, no smaller than a 2"x 3" and no larger than a 4"x 6" printed on photo paper. Applicant's name should be written on the back of the photograph. Do not use a permanent marker. Absolutely no selfies will be accepted.

Application

Applicants must complete a Scholarship Application available online or at the Fair Office. ***It is important that you read the Instructions on the application as well as these Guidelines prior to completing the application.*** The application must be paper clipped together (no staples) in page number order and submitted in a 9" X 12" envelope with 2021 Scholarship Application written on the upper left-hand corner. Attached to the back of the application must be one current (as of mid-term) copy of the high school transcript, a photograph for publication, college entrance examination scores if available and your narrative. ***These instructions must be followed, or the application will not be accepted.***

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.

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 November 1, 2021 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

Not all scholarships awarded will be eligible for renewal. Recipients who were awarded scholarships which are eligible for renewal may request to renew only after they have received full payment of their original scholarship award.

Those requesting to renew must contact the Fair Office for a renewal application during the summer. Completed renewal applications are to be turned in to the Fair Office from August 1st – August 31st for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.

Renewal recipients will be required to have at least a 2.8 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.

Renewal Applications will be reviewed by the GCF&R Scholarship Committee and are subject to approval by the GCF&R Executive Committee. All decisions made by the GCF&R Scholarship Committee and the GCF&R Executive Committee are final.