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Dear Applicants,

We are happy to have you apply for the THSRA scholarship. Please keep in mind the guidelines below. They may help you in completing the application.

1. Please include all information about yourself. The judges want to know about all areas of your life, not just rodeo. Furnish the judges with as much information as possible to enable them to make a fair decision. (Attached is a copy of the rubric that shows what the judges are asked to look for in the application.)
2. You may use up to two sheets of paper to provide the information requested in Part C.
3. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED. NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EMAILED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
4. **Please include a stamped, self-addressed postcard with your application.** We will use it to notify you of receipt of your application. If you do not include the postcard, you will not receive notice. On the postcard, write THSRA scholarship application received.
5. **You must include *official* proof SAT, ACT and/or TSI test scores. Handwritten or typed notarized documents are not official proof.**
6. Applications must be submitted on the 2027 form and must be delivered to the address listed below. NO EXCEPTIONS! The application must be **RECEIVED** in hand by Friday, April 2, 2027.
7. If you receive one of the scholarships, it will be sent to the college or trade school of your choice in two (2) payments. No scholarship money will be sent to the individual. You will have three years to request your scholarship payments before they expire.
8. Applications may be hand delivered to Susan Baldwin at the THSRA office by April 2, 2027.
9. THSRA and/or the THSRA scholarship committee reserves the right to not award an applicant a scholarship if the applicant does not meet the minimum requirements (i.e., no grades, no test scores, complete disregard to follow instructions).
10. If you have any questions, please call any of our committee members:
    Mike Ghormley – (281)785-0077 Holly Delaune – (210)632-3208

Good Luck to each of you!

Applications need to be mailed to:
THSRA
722 Southview Circle
Center, TX 75935

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

I. Scholastic Ability (Judged from Parts C, D, and F) **50%**
1. Difficulty and quality of subjects taken
2. Number of honor or advanced courses taken
3. Class ranking
4. SAT/ACT/TSI scores
5. Honors and awards received
6. Content of the narrative

II. Leadership and Character (Judged from Parts C, E and F) **25%**
1. Club memberships and extracurricular activities
2. Leadership positions held
3. Honors and awards received
4. Work experience, Volunteer and Community Service

III. High School Rodeo Participation (Judged from Parts C, E and F) **25%**
1. Texas High School Rodeo Association
2. Other rodeo associations
   - credit will not be given for junior high activities and/or achievements

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Currently enrolled and actively participating in THSRA.
2. **A minimum 2.5 GPA.**
3. At least two of the following: ranked in the top ½ of class; official SAT, ACT or TSI test scores.
4. Currently enrolled in public school, private school, or an accredited home school program.
5. Have complete scholarship application turned in by deadline.

DEADLINE – APRIL 2, 2027

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE – APRIL 2, 2027

PART A

To be considered for a scholarship, this application must include the following:

1. Official high school transcript that includes class rank and GPA. Most high school transcripts differ from each other. To assist the application evaluation, you should do the following: (Highlight GPA, Class Rank and all Honors, AP, or Dual Credit classes.)
2. At least one of the following: official SAT, ACT or TSI score. More than one test score may be provided. If class rank is not available from the school you attend, a letter from the program administrator (not the parent) must be provided. (PSAT is not an acceptable substitute)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation.
4. A 4" X 6" photograph must be attached.
5. Application **MUST BE TYPED** and stapled together. You may attach up to two sheets of paper for the information requested in Part C and one page for the narrative requested in Part F. Once awards are calculated, all applications will be destroyed. Please do not send the blank application pages if you are attaching others.

Be sure to make a thorough check of the completed application!

Tape Photo Here

PART B

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County of Residence_____ THSRA Membership Number (not back #) _____

Name & City of High School _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____ School's Telephone _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Years in High School Rodeo _____

College or University Set to Attend_____
Course of Study _____
or
Trade School (Technical or Vocational) Program _____
Course of Study _____

PART C – You may use the space provided or you may use up to two additional sheets of paper for this section. Please list your responses for each category in outline form.

Extracurricular Activities – Club memberships and/or school sports (include number of years of involvement.)

Leadership Positions Held – Be sure to include name of leadership position and organization.

A. Rodeo

B. Non-Rodeo

Honors and Awards Received – Name of honor and/or award and organization.

Work Experience – Include volunteer, community service and/or employment.

Participation and Awards received in Texas High School Rodeo – Make sure you state when the award was won. Be accurate and specific.

Participation and Awards received in other rodeo associations – Make sure you state which association and when the award was won. Be accurate and specific.

PART D

Include a current official copy of your high school transcript. Your GPA, class size, rank, and official college entrance exam scores must be included with the transcript (SAT, ACT or TSI score.) The test score that gives you the highest points will be used.

PART E

Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-relatives must be included. One letter should be from an educator, community leader, minister/priest/pastor, etc. The second letter should be from a person who is familiar with your rodeo experience.

PART F

On a separate piece of paper, please describe in your own words why receiving a THSRA Scholarship is important to you, the course of study or major field of interest you plan to follow, your proposed occupation or profession, and the benefits you have received from Texas High School Rodeo Association. Be specific and restrict the length to one page (double spaced, 12-point font).

Application deadline is April 2, 2027.

Submit the completed application to THSRA, 722 Southview Circle, Center, TX 75935.

A few tips and ideas to consider when filling out your scholarship application.

- Create interest – information should leap off the page.
    - List items in level of importance. If you are a national qualifier, it should go before any regional titles.
    - Spell out association names at least once before using abbreviations.
    - This application is presented in a format that encourages you to type your information on additional sheets of paper. **NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
    - These bullets are an example of how to list your responses in outline form.
    - Run spell check AND grammar check!
- This is an academic scholarship from a rodeo association. Make sure you include scholastic honors in addition to your rodeo honors.
- That goes for extra-curricular activities, too. Do not focus on just your rodeo activities.
- Narrative instructions - 1 page, double-spaced, size 12 font, Arial or Times New Roman font. (This page is size 12 Arial font, double-spaced with ½ inch margins.)
- N/A is not an acceptable response.
- It is okay to ask questions. That is why the committee members' names and phone numbers are provided in the cover letter. We want you to do well.
- Do not wait until the last minute to start on this. Vital information will be forgotten if you are in a rush to meet the April 2nd deadline.
- Follow instructions and PROOFREAD. You are asking for money for college, show the selection committee why you are a deserving candidate.
- Print on white paper only.
- Do not include divider pages or tab

- Do not include more photographs than requested. Since this is a scholarship awarded by a rodeo association the preference is that the photo be of you in western attire
- A portion of the grading rubric is your ability to follow instructions.

Good luck!

(below is a copy of the grading rubric – for information only)

Name of Applicant: _____ Region: _____
Planned Course of Study: _____
College/University: _____
County of Residence: _____ CTE: Yes or No

GPA 2.5? Yes or No Typed? Yes or No

Scholastic Ability -

Coursework(honors, advanced, quality…
Honors & Awards
*award points for class rank & 1 test or no rank and 2 tests
Class Rank
SAT
ACT
TSI

Leadership and Character -

Extra-curricular Activities (clubs, sports...)
Leadership Positions & Awards
Work, Volunteer & Community Service

Rodeo Participation - 25 pts

THSRA Participation (years in THSRA)
THSRA Accomplishments
THSRA Activities
THSRA Leadership/Duties
Other Rodeo Associations

Narrative - 15 points

Desire & Need for Scholarship
Benefits gained from THSRA
Stated Field of Study / Occupation
Quality of Narrative
Followed directions (1 page)

Followed Directions _____

Total _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. If I have an official transcript for school and TSI score, do I still need to provide a letter from the school stating class rank is not available?

A. Yes, we need a letter stating that the school doesn't rank its students.

Q. If applying and you have not taken any of the required tests yet.

A. Full credit will not be received based on the grading criteria. In years past, applications have been disqualified for not submitting the minimum requisite information. Submit what is available and the application will be graded by its content. If the member has scheduled the test only to comply with the state scholarship application, the test results will not be accepted after the due date.

Q. Is a printout of TSI test results given to the member at the testing center considered an official copy?

A. This will be sufficient if the member doesn't have access to the testing results site.

Q. High school doesn't have class rank and/or size. How is this notated on the application where it asks for rank and class size?

A. There are a few choices:

1. ask the school administrator to write a letter stating where the class is ranked;
2. if administrator will not provide this letter, submit what you have but know the applicant will not receive any points for class rank in his/her total score;
3. provide two (2) college entrance test scores only if tests have already been taken and scores received.