

Dear AJRA Member:

If you are a recent high school graduate (2019), or if you graduated from high school last year (2018) and still are eligible to participate in the AJRA (under 20 years of age as of July 31, 2019), then you can apply for an AJRA scholarship that will be awarded during the NFR to be held in Sweetwater, Texas.

In order to participate in the scholarship selection process, you must fill out the attached application and return it to me, Mary McMullan at the address below—no exceptions! The **deadline** is **Friday, July 5, 2019**. This deadline means that the application form **must be in my hands** by that *day—not postmarked*. You will be able to hand it in at the final rodeos that will be held in Goldthwaite and Eden, Texas. After the deadline, an interview appointment schedule will be created and mailed so that all scholarship participants will have prior knowledge of their interview time. Failure to comply with the deadline will cause you **not** to be included in the interview process and, therefore, you will not be considered for a scholarship. **No one will be able to complete and hand in an application during the rodeo finals.**

All interviews will be on Thursday, July 25, 2019 beginning at 3 pm. Announcement of scholarship recipients will be during the Thursday night performance of the finals, right after the grand entry. To receive your scholarship, you must be present during that performance. No exceptions!

Included along with the scholarship application are tips in preparing for your interview and guidelines that will be used by the scholarship-interviewing panel to determine this year's recipients. Please take the time to complete the application form and return it to me, Mary McMullan, by the deadline. If you have any questions about this form, please feel free to call and ask about it at (325) 277-5824. No applications will be mailed out. All forms can be downloaded from the AJRA web site or a copy can be retrieved from me at a rodeo. Good luck to you in this AJRA season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary McMullan'.

Mary McMullan
AJRA Secretary Manager
PO Box 398
Bronte, Texas 76933

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

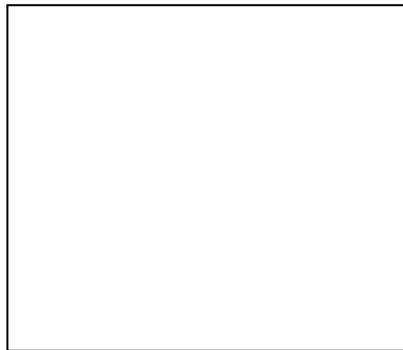
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AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
STREET	BOX	ROUTE NUMBER
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	GRAD. YR.	

TO BE AWARDED BY THE
AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION

Please include a photo of yourself:



A J R A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART A--GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME

2. HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION YEAR

3. COLLEGE (IF ATTENDING)

4. FATHER'S NAME

OCCUPATION

5. MOTHER'S NAME

OCCUPATION

6. BROTHERS, AGES

7. SISTERS, AGES

8. HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY? IF YES,
WHICH COLLEGE HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED ENROLLMENT:

9. IF NOT ALREADY ACCEPTED, HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION?

10. FIELD IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO STUDY _____

11. NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF AJRA _____

NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH AJRA _____

12. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)

13. ACADEMIC HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS RECEIVED: (non-rodeo related)

14. INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER SPORTS

15. LIST ALL RODEO ACCOMPLISHMENTS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OR OFFICES HELD

GUIDELINES USED BY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



1. **AJRA Membership & Interview**—number of years as an AJRA member and number of years the family has been involved in the AJRA and the interview. *(Counts for 25% of the total scoring.)*
2. **Academics, Honors & Achievements**—High School GPA/College GPA, desire to achieve higher education and reach the goal of receiving a college degree, honors and achievements in high school. *(Counts for 20% of the total scoring.)*
3. **Financial Need**—Family situations that warrant financial help in order to be able to attend a college or university. *(Counts for 20% of the total scoring.)*
4. **Willingness to Help Others**—willingness to pitch in and help put on rodeos, dedication to the AJRA. *(Counts for 15% of the total scoring.)*
5. **Rodeo Accomplishments/Leadership Positions & Offices Held**—Rodeo accomplishments or leadership positions held within the association. *(Counts for 10% of the total scoring.)*
6. **Good citizenship**—Role model to younger AJRA contestants and those outside the organization. *(Counts for 10% of the total scoring.)*

INTERVIEW TIPS



Scholarship selections will be based upon the information that you provide on your application form, as well as the short, personal interview that will be conducted during the finals. To help you be prepared for the interview, here are a few things that you should be prepared to do and to discuss:

1. Be prompt and on time for your scheduled interview.
2. Dress appropriately. Follow the same dress code rules that you follow when you are in the arena competing. Be neat and well groomed.
3. Be prepared to talk about yourself, your family, school activities, and community involvement.
4. Be prepared to share your future plans and goals regarding your education.
5. Be prepared to share your memorable events during your AJRA years.
6. Be prepared to share with the committee why you think you are deserving of an AJRA scholarship.

Remember that this interview is designed to give **you** the opportunity to make the best impression to the scholarship committee in helping them decide that you are deserving of a scholarship. Try not to be nervous and remember to relax and to be yourself.

Also, please keep in mind that there is no guarantee of any scholarship award just because you applied. Total awards is contingent upon the total amount of scholarship funds that are available.

GOOD LUCK!