

The 2017 VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

Please keep the first two pages of this package for reference. The remainder of the pages must be returned along with other information required by the deadline stated.

The Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program will award numerous scholarships in 2017 to outstanding high school seniors. To be eligible to apply for one of these scholarship awards, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. **RESIDENCY:** The candidate must be a Victoria County resident and must be enrolled in any accredited public or private high school or home school during the current school year at the time of the filing of his/her scholarship application with the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program, which include but are not limited to the following high schools: Bloomington, Industrial, Victoria St. Joseph, VISD High Schools or Faith Academy.
2. **ACADEMIC STANDING:** The candidate must be a high school senior who has achieved the equivalent of either of the following academic credentials, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent.
 - a) A 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or an 85 grade point average on a 100 point scale, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent.

OR

 - b) a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale or an 80 grade point average on an 100 point scale, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent, **PLUS** a minimum score of 1,100 on the SAT or a minimum score of 20 on the ACT.
3. **MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY:** The candidate must enroll in a Texas college or university.
4. **4-H OR FFA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:** The candidate must have been a member either of the Texas FFA or a Texas 4-H Club for at least two (2) years.
5. **LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:** The candidate must have participated in a Victoria Livestock Show activity in at least two (2) of the four (4) years immediately preceding the filing of the candidate's application.
6. **GRADUATION:** The candidate must graduate from one (1) of the above listed high schools or home school at the end of the spring semester following the presentation of the scholarship.
7. **INTERPRETATION:** The Victoria Livestock Show Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to interpret the eligibility rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters in regard to the scholarship program. They shall also have the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.

8. **APPLICATION:** The candidate must submit a properly completed official Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Application:
- with a head and shoulder photo attached,
 - an official high school transcript,
 - a certified statement of the candidate's ranking in the graduating class and his/her grade point average (may be part of official transcript) as of the completion of the first semester of his/her senior year
 - a copy of any college entrance examination scores

to the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program Chairperson.

The official high school transcript does not have to accompany the application. Instead, each candidate may have his/her official high school transcript mailed directly by his/her school's principal, registrar or guidance counselor to Nadine Van Beveren, Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program Chairperson, at the address listed below. All other documents must be attached to the candidate's application.

DEADLINE

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE POSTMARKED TO Nadine Van Beveren, VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON, AT P.O. BOX 2255, VICTORIA, TEXAS 77902 (361) 550-9931 BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on participation, leadership and honors received in 4-H, FFA and/or other agricultural related activities; past and present participation in the Victoria Livestock Show; academic achievement; citizenship, character and personal attitude; financial need; and participation, leadership and honors received in community and school activities. Following initial consideration of all applications submitted a group of finalists will be selected to be interviewed by the Scholarship Judges. The scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Judges who conduct the interviews- you will be notified when this date/time is. You will be notified by email if you are a scholarship recipient. **Please submit valid email address with application. All winners should be present for the public announcement of the Scholarship recipients on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Jaycee Hall at 7:30 pm.**

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Funds for the scholarship awards will be directly sent to the college or university that the recipient will attend. It is imperative that recipients notify TREASURER, VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW FOUNDATION, INC., in writing, at PO Box 2255, Victoria, Texas 77902 at least 30 days before scholarship funds must be received by the recipients' chosen college or university. All requirements specified in the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship policies must be fulfilled. Providing false information to Victoria Livestock Show Foundation, Inc. is grounds for forfeiture of the scholarship. All scholarship proceeds must be used by each scholarship recipient within five (5) years after his/her graduation; any funds not used at that time will be forfeited, unless an extension to use said funds is granted by the Victoria Livestock Show Foundation, Inc.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The application form is set up in a table format (MS Word). You may use the tab key to navigate the form or by placing the cursor in each field. The narrative areas consist of one cell so that information can be typed in a paragraph format.

2017 VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application must be completely filled out, except where specified, to be accepted.

Please type or print neatly in ink.

Be sure to attach all required documents securely.

Attach recent
2-1/2" x 3-1/2"
HEAD AND SHOULDERS
photo here.

DATE: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name of Candidate: _____

Date of Birth: _____ eMail Address: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Mailing Address: _____
(different than above) (Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone (optional): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Home Address: _____
(Street or Rural Route and Box) (City) (Zip Code)

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone (optional): _____

eMail Address (optional): _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of high school from which you will graduate: _____

Anticipated high school graduation date: _____

Grade Point Average _____ Your class rank : _____ No. in Class: _____

(Rank should be based on your standing after the completion of the first semester or its equivalent of your senior year. Certification of ranking must be furnished to the Livestock Show Scholarship Program Chairperson and may be part of official transcript.)

ACT and/or SAT composite scores (proof of scores must be furnished with application):

ACT _____ Date examination was taken: _____

SAT _____ Date examination was taken: _____

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

What College or University do you plan to attend? _____

What is your planned major in college? _____

What career do you plan to pursue? _____

Why did you choose this career?

RECORD OF VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW, 4-H, FFA AND OTHER AGRICULTURALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Number of years enrolled in 4-H: _____ Name of Club: _____

2. Number of years enrolled in FFA: _____

3. Number of years of Victoria Livestock Show participation: _____

4. List the 4-H and FFA Projects, Demonstrations, Exhibits and judging in which you have participated, year(s) involved for each, level(s), and a brief summary of your activities related to each.

EXAMPLES:

HORSE SHOW	2010-12	Raised seven horses. Showed 5 different horses. Competed in 9 different classes at local and district levels. Competed in State 4-H Horse Show 3 years. Delegate to Southern Regionals, 2011.
FOOD SHOW	6 years	Club Level 2010-16; District 2011-02; State 2016

4-H & FFA Project, Demonstration, Exhibit or Judging Participation	Year(s) Involved	Summary of Activities
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5. List your 4-H and FFA leadership roles, citizenship activities and honors, the year(s) involved, level(s), and for your leadership roles and citizenship activities, write a brief summary of your roles or duties related to each.

EXAMPLES:

JUNIOR LEADER - HORSE PROJECT	2012-13	Club & County	Assisted 4-H leaders with seven groups of younger members - taught parts of the horse, grooming and showmanship
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GOLD STAR AWARD	2015	County
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4-H & FFA Leadership Role, Citizenship Activity or Honor	Years Involved	Level	Brief Summary of Roles or Duties
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6. List the Victoria Livestock Show competitions you have entered, year(s) involved, and the accomplishments of your competitions.

Competition

**Year(s)
Involved**

Accomplishment

7. List all other agricultural-related activities, projects, leadership roles, competitions entered, exhibits, citizenship activities or honors, etc. not listed above, the year(s) involved, and give a brief summary of your activities related to each.

**Activity, Project, Leadership Role,
Competition, Exhibit, Citizenship
Activity or Honor**

**Years
Involved**

Brief Summary of Activities

SCHOOL, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

8. List your leadership roles, other than agriculturally related activities, including school, church, and other youth groups.

Year

Role

Organization

9. List your major high school activities and honors.

10. Describe the contributions you have made in your community.

11. Personal Narrative - If you desire, type and attach a narrative, not more than one page in length, about yourself pointing out any other important facts you would like the scholarship judges to know.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF CANDIDATE (NOT YOUR PARENTS)

Savings and Cash available at start of college:

Value of all other assets available for use for school expenses:

Total value of scholarships already awarded or received:

Will you be applying for a grant-in-aid scholarship or for a student loan?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Anticipated earnings during college:

Amount of other funds expected:

Explain anticipated earnings during college and other funds expected:

Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college at the same time as you?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If Yes, list number attending:

List any specific reasons why you need financial assistance:

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this Application. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

If selected to receive a Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship, I understand that I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation, to enroll in a college or university within the State of Texas and to abide by the policies governing the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program.

I hereby authorize any person, firm, school or entity to release to the Victoria Livestock Show, or their authorized representatives, information concerning my current and future academic records and status (both high school and college), activities, honors and awards, citizenship, residency, and financial situation (specifically including all financial aid). If selected as a recipient, a copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm, school or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Victoria Livestock Show, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS the Victoria Livestock Show and with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Victoria Livestock Show or any other media.

The Victoria Livestock Show Foundation, Inc. may receive requests for copies of this application from other persons or entities for the purpose of granting scholarships. Please indicate whether or not you agree to the release of your application by checking one of the boxes below.

NO. I do not agree to the release of this scholarship to other persons or entities.

YES. I agree to the release of this scholarship to other persons or entities.

_____ Date _____
(Candidate)

_____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian)

_____ Date _____
(High School Guidance Counselor or Registrar)

_____ Date _____
(FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent)

THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS WHO MEET ITS MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN AWARDING ITS SCHOLARSHIPS IN ANY WAY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.