

Texas Rice Festival

Ag Mechanics Scholarship Guidelines

- Purpose:** The purpose of the Texas Rice Festival Ag Mechanics Scholarship is to encourage and assist deserving young men and women desiring to further their education by attending and accredited college. One (1) \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has participated in the Texas Rice Festival.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be currently enrolled in the 12th grade and eligible to graduate in May of 2026. Applicants must have participated in the Texas Rice Festival for at least one year.
- Rules:**
- 1) Recipient will receive \$1,500 at the beginning of the fall semester upon documentation of college enrollment of at least 12 hours; and at the beginning of the spring semester upon documentation of college enrollment of at least 12 hours and a GPA of 2.5 for the previous fall semester. Recipients must use this scholarship the fall and spring semesters immediately following high school graduation.
 - 2) If the recipient does not utilize any of the scholarship, the unused balance of the scholarship will revert back to the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Fund.
 - 3) Applicant must submit scholarship application to the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Committee through the Texas Rice Festival office by Friday, May 8, 2026, no later than 4:00 pm.
 - 4) The Texas Rice Festival scholarship committee will screen applications. The decision of the committee will be final. Applicants must be willing to attend an interview if the scholarship committee deems it necessary.
 - 5) Applicant must submit an official school transcript with application. If planning to attend college or university, transcript must include SAT or ACT scores.
 - 6) Applicant must submit scholastic record form completed by school principal or school designee.
 - 7) A photo must be turned in with the application. The photo can be any size, but should be original, not a scan of a picture. Scholarship recipients are announced in local newspapers and published in the Festival's Program/Cookbook.

Scholarship Applicant

Must be planning to study one of the following areas.

The list is meant to be a guideline for areas of study.

Schools and areas of study are subject to change.

Sam Houston State University

Bachelor of Science Degree Industrial Technology

- Construction Management
- Design and Management
- Electronics
- Industrial Education
- Industrial Management

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture

- Agriculture (Teaching Option)
- Agricultural Mechanization (Teaching Option)

Lamar Institute of Technology

Advanced Skills Certificate

- Advanced Engine Technology
- Machining Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

- Advanced Engine Technology
- Computer Drafting Technology
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Instrumentation Technology
- Machining Technology
- Process Operating Technology
- Welding Technology

Certificate of Completion

- Air Conditioning
- Diesel Mechanics
- Electronic Instrumentation
- Industrial Maintenance
- Machining Tools
- Utility Line Technology
- Welding Technology

San Jacinto College

Automotive Collision Repair Technology

Collision Repair
Non-Collision Repair

Engineering Design Graphics

Auto CAD 2006
Architecture, Civil, Piping, CAD
Electrical/Electronic, Mechanical
Structural, Instrumentation

Process Technology

Process Technology
Chemical Lab Technician

Welding Technology

Welding Technology
Gas Shielded Welding
Shielded Metal Arc Welding
Pipe Welding

Lee College

Areas of Training

Computer Maintenance Technology
Blueprint Reading
Electrical Technology
Electronics Technology
Instrumentation Technology
Machinist
Millwright
Pipefitting Technology
Process Technology
Technical Math
Welding Technology

Note – Other schools and fields of study may also be considered.

**2026 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL
LILTON SONNIER AG MECHANICS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Applications must be received by 4pm Friday May 8, 2026
Mail to Texas Rice Festival, Box 147, Winnie, Texas 77665**

General Information

Student's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ GPA _____ (Based on 4.0 System)

Family Information

Parents or guardian's name and address:

Name Address

Name Address

Name of brothers and sisters and ages:

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college at the same time you are attending:
Yes, _____ No _____ if yes, how many: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

School Activities

Discuss involvement in 4-H and/or FFA (year involved, projects, offices held, etc):

Other school activities (clubs, student government, athletics, etc.):

Other social activities (church, youth groups, etc.):

List any awards or special recognitions from any of the above:

Texas Rice Festival participation. Must list each project & date separately, in which you participated in the Texas Rice Festival Ag Mechanics Show & Welding Contest:

List other activities or events you have participated in at the Texas Rice Festival other than the Ag Mechanics or Welding divisions (i.e., Livestock Judging, Livestock Exhibition, Queen's Contest, Rice Cooking Contest, Committee, etc.)

Education

Institution you are planning to attend:

Will you live at home _____ Dorm _____ Apartment _____?

Have you been accepted? Yes, _____ No _____

Area of study: _____

Reason for selecting this area of study:

What is your current preferred career choice(s)?

Will you supplement your college costs through your own efforts? Yes, ____ No ____

Are you currently employed? Yes, _____ No _____

If yes, by whom? _____

Phone number: _____

Responsibilities:

List any other scholarships you have, the length, and the amount of each:

Total value of scholarships already received: \$ _____

Briefly state how this scholarship would be of benefit and your intentions upon completion of your education.

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CONFIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC RECORD**

(To be completed by your High School Principal or Counselor)

Student: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Number in graduation class _____

Applicant's rank in Graduation Class (i.e., 10th out of 100): _____

Was applicant in an accelerated program? _____

GPA (Based on 4.0 system) _____

ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

Please provide a copy of the applicant's High School Transcript.

Brief statement by High School Principal or Designee regarding applicants:

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone:

() _____ Title: _____

**Please return it to:
Texas Rice Festival
P.O. Box 147
Winnie, Texas 77665**

**2026 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL
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SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION SHEET**

(To be completed by TRF Scholarship Committee)

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Major: _____

Applicants are in the upper 25% of Graduating Class: Yes, _____ No _____

Applicants are in the upper 50% of Graduating Class: Yes, _____ No _____

Points Possible Points Credited

Scholarship or Academic Achievement 15 _____

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Number Value</u>	<u>Points</u>
4.0	90-100	15
3.0	80-89	10
2.0	75-79	5

College Entrance Exam (SAT/ACT Score) _____

1980/30= 14 points	1760/26= 10 points	1530/22= 6 points
1920/29= 13 points	1700/25= 9 points	1500/21= 5 points
1860/28= 12 points	1650/24= 8 points	1410/20= 4 points
1820/27= 11 points	1590/23= 7 points	1350/19= 3 points

Activities involving the Texas Rice Festival Livestock Show & Ag Mechanics Show

9 years = 36 points	6 years = 24 points	3 years = 12 points
8 years = 32 points	5 years = 20 points	2 years = 8 points
7 years = 28 points	4 years = 16 points	1 year = 4 points

Leadership 4 _____
(Offices, participation in school and community activities, individual honors, etc.)

Financial Need 10 _____
(Family situation, occupation of parents, number of dependents, numbers of brothers and sisters in college, assets available for use, initiative to work, debts, value of other scholarships received)

SUBTOTAL _____

Interview 24 _____
(Sincerity, desire to excel, potential ability to stay in college, attitude, integrity, courtesy, committed to agriculture, etc.)

TOTAL POINTS _____