

## Texas Rice Festival Livestock Scholarship Guidelines

- Purpose:** The purpose of the Texas Rice Festival Livestock Scholarship is to encourage and assist deserving young men and women desiring to further their education by attending and accredited college. Four (4) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to a senior who has participated in the Texas Rice Festival Ag Mechanics Show.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be currently enrolled in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and eligible to graduate in May of 2026. Applicants must have participated in the Texas Rice Festival Livestock Show 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 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) Applicants must submit an official school transcript with application. If planning to attend college or university, transcript must include SAT or ACT scores.
  - 6) Applicants must submit scholastic record forms completed by the school principal or school designer.
  - 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.

2026 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL  
LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Applications must be received by 4pm 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Based on 4.0 System)

Family Information

Parents or guardian's name and address:

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Name Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address

Names 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Student

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Signature of Parent

School Activities

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

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

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

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

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Tell us about your Texas Rice Festival participation. Must list each project & date separately in which you participated in the Texas Rice Festival Livestock Show & Ag Mechanics:

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List other activities or events you have participated in at the Texas Rice Festival other than the livestock divisions (Livestock Judging, Queen Contest, Rice Cooking Contest, Committee, etc.)

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Education

Institution you are planning to attend:

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Will you live at Home \_\_\_\_\_ Dorm \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_?

Have you been accepted? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for selecting this area of study:

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What is your current preferred career choice(s)?

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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:

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

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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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Texas Rice Festival  
Livestock Scholarship Application  
Confidential Scholastic Record  
(To be completed by your High School Counselor)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in graduation class \_\_\_\_\_

Student's rank in Graduation Class (i.e., 10<sup>th</sup> out of 100): \_\_\_\_\_

Was applicant in an accelerated program? \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (Based on 4.0 system) \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ TAAS 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 to  
Texas Rice Festival, Inc.  
P.O. Box 147  
Winnie, Texas 77665

# Texas Rice Festival

## Livestock Scholarship Evaluation Sheet

(To be completed by TRF Scholarship Committee)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is an Agriculture Major: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is in the Upper 25% of Graduating Class: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is 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 Scores) 13    \_\_\_\_\_

1440/33=13 pts	1160/28=8 pts	1020/24=4 pts
1390/32=12 pts	1120/27=7 pts	990/23=3 pts
1320/31=11 pts	1080/26=6 pts	950/22=2 pts
1260/30=10 pts	1050/25=5 pts	900/21=1 pt
1210/29= 9 pts		

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

9 yrs = 36 pts	6 yrs = 24 pts	3 yrs = 12 pts
8 yrs = 32 pts	5 yrs = 20 pts	2 yrs = 8 pts
7 yrs = 28 pts	4 yrs = 16 pts	1 yr = 4 pts

Leadership 5    \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Offices, participation in school and community activities, individual honors, etc.)

Financial Need 10    \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Family situation, occupation of parents, number of dependents, number of brothers and sisters in college, assests 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, attutude, integrity, courtesy committed to agriculture, etc.)

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_