

WRCA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

It shall be the mission of the WRCA Foundation Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to working ranch cowboys and their family members showing interest and promise in continuing their education in a collegiate, trade, or vocational program.

The WRCA Foundation scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, and vary from \$1000 to \$2500 per year. Funds are sent directly to the educational institution for each semester or quarter based on scholarship requirements.

All applications are confidential.

March 1st is the absolute deadline for mailing application. NOTE: With regard to this deadline, materials mailed must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services on, or before, March 1. Letters of recommendation and transcripts are required to be sent with the official scholarship application.

Qualifications:

A. Must be a working ranch cowboy or the son, daughter, or spouse of a working ranch cowboy. A **working ranch cowboy** is defined as any person, male or female, **deriving a significant portion of his or her income from taking care of cattle on a cattle ranch. Day workers are included.**

B. Must be a high school senior or high school graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Students currently enrolled in college or graduate school, and with a GPA of 3.00, may apply. Individuals enrolled/enrolling in a certificate program may apply.

C. Each recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student (12hrs>) and maintain a GPA of 3.00 for the scholarship to be retained. Transcripts of grades for each semester, or quarter, must be provided to the WRCF in a timely fashion. Scholarships are renewable annually upon approval.

D. Students who wish to continue their education beyond their four -years must reapply.

E. WRCF directors, employees and scholarship committee members and their family are not eligible.

This application must be accompanied by:

1. Your high school **transcript** OR, if you are enrolled at an institute other than a high school, a current copy of your transcript

2. **Three letters of recommendations** are required. Please obtain one recommendation letter from each of the following categories: academic, professional, and personal. Applications without letters of recommendation will not be considered.

3. A **high quality photograph of the applicant**, which may be used for publicity. (Will not be returned.)

4. The family's previous year's tax return(s), and any W-2 and 1099 forms. If applicable please also provide the Profit / Loss page (Schedule F) of your taxes. These items will establish that at least one wage earner is a working ranch cowboy, but also disclose the entire family income.

5. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Describe your working ranch cowboy and/or ranching situation and explain how you, your parent, or your spouse qualifies as a working ranch cowboy:

Career goals:

Describe your plans for reaching this goal, including education and employment:

How can you use your career goals to contribute to the ranching community?

School activities:

Describe yourself, with emphasis on factors you feel will help the selection committee make the best decision:

List any circumstances or information that you feel has a bearing on your financial situation:

What would you do if you had an entire day off?

How did you first learn about the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation and/or Scholarship?

Why did you choose to apply?

Please mail completed application and required documents to:

**WRCA Foundation
Attn: Scholarships
408 SW 7th Avenue
Amarillo, Texas 79101**

The WRCA Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the working ranch cowboy and ranching heritage.