



2026 Academic Scholarship Application/Instructions

For academic scholarship consideration, students must be a current member of WCHA, a high school graduate (or apply within two years of graduation), pass a college entrance examination and provide three letters of reference and submit an essay explaining their educational plans and goals. This essay should specifically address how you feel your academic career will provide you with an opportunity to better serve the Halter Industry, either through a trade school or collegiate academic program.

Applicants must be a current WCHA member, ***have a background in competing with “halter horses” within WCHA or one of our breed affiliates:*** AQHA, APHA, PHBA, ApHC, ARHA, NSBA, ABRA or PtHA and maintain membership every year while in the scholarship program.

Applicants must provide a photograph and a signed release form in the event they are awarded a scholarship.

Once you have been granted a scholarship, you must maintain a “B” or 3.0 or better grade point average each academic year to be eligible for renewal. Students must maintain a full-time status (typically 12 credit hours/semester) while enrolled in an educational program.

- **If you are re-applying for previously awarded scholarship you only need to provide college grades from previous year plus a summary of your past school year(s) and goals for furthering your education. If you’ve received a scholarship for 3 years you cannot receive any additional assistance from WCHA.**

Steps to apply for a WCHA Academic Scholarship:

1. Review application requirements as defined on the application.
2. If you meet the requirements, ***completely fill out the application.***
3. Mail Completed WCHA Scholarship Application To:
WCHA Foundation
235 St Andrews Drive
Calhoun, LA 71225
4. The Applications are due by August 20, 2026.

Once the application is received, the selection committee will review all applications. Those who are qualified will be evaluated and ranked by a point system to determine recipients of the scholarship.



Application Checklist: All Items Are Required Or Application Will Be Incomplete

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| ☐ Completed Application | ☐ 500 word essay |
| ☐ Transcripts (high school or college) | ☐ 3 letters of recommendation (school, community, WCHA) |
| ☐ SAT and/or ACT transcript | ☐ Photograph & signed release |

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Students Wishing To Renew A Scholarship Must Only Provide Prior Year's College Grades & Summary Of Year, Goals

Applicant's personal information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ WCHA Member: Yes or No (circle one)

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parents Name(s) _____

Note: Both the applicant and the parents of the applicant MUST be members of WCHA !!!

Category 1: Education: Weighted 25%

High School Attended: _____

College / Trade school (if attended): _____

High School GPA (adjusted to a 4.0 scale): _____ Dates Attended: _____

College / Trade school GPA (if applicable): _____

Dates attended: _____

Attach transcript covering grades 10-12 and college / trade school transcript (if applicable).

SAT score _____ Date of exam _____

ACT score _____ Date of exam _____

*****Attach a copy of SAT and or ACT transcript to this document.**

Category 2: Extracurricular Activities: Weighted 40% List your
scholastic honors / achievements awarded.

Category 3: Career Goal: Weighted 25%

Attach a 500 word or less essay explaining your educational plans and goals.

**Category 4: Provide 3 recommendations from the following non-family member:
Weighted 10%**

- 1) From your school
- 2) From your community
- 3) From a WCHA member

