



Dear AJRA Member:

If you are a recent high school graduate (2012), or if you graduated from high school last year (2011) and still are eligible to participate in the AJRA, you can apply for an AJRA scholarship that will be awarded during the NFR to be held in Levelland, Texas.

In order to participate in the scholarship selection process, you must fill out the attached application and return it to me, Mary McMullan at the address below—no exceptions! The **deadline** is **Monday, July 2, 2012**. This deadline means that the application form **must be in my hands** by that **day**—*not postmarked*. You will be able to hand it in at the final rodeo that will be held in Hamilton, Texas. After the deadline, an interview appointment schedule will be created and mailed so that all scholarship participants will have prior knowledge of their interview time. Failure to comply with the deadline will cause you **not** to be included in the interview process and, therefore, you will not be considered for a scholarship. No one will be able to complete and hand in an application *during* the rodeo finals.

All interviews will be on Thursday, July 26, 2012 beginning at 1 pm. Announcement of scholarship recipients will be during the Thursday night performance of the finals, right after the grand entry. To receive your scholarship, you must be present during that performance.

Included along with the scholarship application are tips in preparing for your interview and guidelines that will be used by the scholarship-interviewing panel to determine this year's recipients. Please take the time to complete the application form and return it to me, Mary McMullan, by the deadline. If you have any questions about this form, please feel free to call and ask about it at (325) 277-5824. No applications will be mailed out. All forms can be downloaded from the AJRA web site or a copy can be retrieved from me at a rodeo. Good luck to you in this AJRA season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mary McMullan', is placed below the text 'Sincerely,'.

Mary McMullan  
AJRA Secretary Manager  
PO Box 398  
Bronte, Texas 76933

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## AJRA

### AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
STREET	BOX	ROUTE NUMBER
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	GRAD. YR.	

TO BE AWARDED BY THE  
AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION

Please include a photo of yourself:



# A J R A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## PART A--GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME

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2. HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION YEAR

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3. COLLEGE (IF ATTENDING)

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4. FATHER'S NAME

OCCUPATION

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5. MOTHER'S NAME

OCCUPATION

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6. BROTHERS, AGES

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7. SISTERS, AGES

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8. HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY? IF YES,  
WHICH COLLEGE HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED ENROLLMENT:

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9. IF NOT ALREADY ACCEPTED, HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION?

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10. FIELD IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

11. NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF AJRA \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH AJRA \_\_\_\_\_

12. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)

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13. ACADEMIC HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS RECEIVED: (non-rodeo related)

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14. INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER SPORTS

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15. LIST ALL RODEO ACCOMPLISHMENTS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OR OFFICES HELD

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# **GUIDELINES USED BY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**



1. **Academics, Honors & Achievements**—High School GPA, desire to achieve higher education and reach the goal of receiving a college degree, honors and achievements in high school.
2. **AJRA Membership & Interview**—number of years as an AJRA member and number of years the family has been involved in the AJRA and the interview.
3. **Financial need**—Family situations that warrant financial help in order to be able to attend a college or university.
4. **Willingness to Help Others**—willingness to pitch in an help put on rodeos, dedication to the AJRA
5. **Good citizenship**—Role model to younger AJRA contestants and those outside the organization.

# INTERVIEW TIPS



Scholarship selections will be based upon the information that you provide on your application form, as well as the short, personal interview that will be conducted during the finals. To help you be prepared for the interview, here are a few things that you should be prepared to do and to discuss:

1. Be prompt and on time for your scheduled interview.
2. Dress appropriately. Follow the same dress code rules that you follow when you are in the arena competing. Be neat and well groomed.
3. Be prepared to talk about yourself, your family, school activities, and community involvement.
4. Be prepared to share your future plans and goals regarding your education.
5. Be prepared to share your memorable events during your AJRA years.
6. Be prepared to share with the committee why you think you are deserving of an AJRA scholarship.

Remember that this interview is designed to give **you** the opportunity to make the best impression to the scholarship panel in helping them decide that you are deserving of a scholarship. Try not to be nervous and remember to relax and to be yourself.

GOOD LUCK!

## **AJRA Scholarships**

- 25% AJRA Membership & Interview** – Number of years as an AJRA member and number of years family has been involved in the AJRA and interview.
- 20% Academics, Honors & Achievements** – High school/College grade point average, desire to achieve higher education and reach the goal of receiving a college degree (stick-to-it), honors and achievements in high school or college.
- 20% Financial Need** – Family situations that warrant financial help in order to be able to attend a college or university.
- 15% Willingness to Help Others** – Willingness to pitch in and help put on rodeos and dedication to the AJRA.
- 10% Rodeo Accomplishments/Leadership Positions & Offices Held** – Any rodeo accomplishments or leadership positions held.
- 10% Citizenship** – Role model to younger AJRA contestants and those outside the organization.