

Rockingham County Cattlemen’s Association Ray Styer Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2024

This scholarship was established by the Rockingham County Cattlemen’s Association (RCCA) in 2019. Initial funding is being provided by the RCCA members through Lifetime Membership dues, Platinum Level Corporate Sponsorship, and various fundraising projects. At the present time scholarships are awarded in \$500 increments, depending upon the number of applicants and availability of funds.

Mr. Ray Styer was an avid cattleman and land conservationist. He promoted no-till planting, crop rotation, and he was a firm believer in the farmer’s responsibility to care for the land. This scholarship is named in memory of him and to honor the work that he did on his farm and in Rockingham County. The Cattlemen’s Association wants to support the educational pursuits of the next generation of agriculturalists and conservationists.

Eligibility

- *Graduating seniors from any of the high schools in Rockingham County or current college students from Rockingham County pursuing a baccalaureate or associate degree who have demonstrated a strong interest in cattle production.*
- *Priority will be given to applicants who are pursuing a degree in agriculture with an emphasis in beef production. If not met, this **does not** disqualify the candidate.*
- *Priority will be given to current FFA and/or 4-H members. If not met, this **does not** disqualify the candidate.*

Selection Criteria

- *Leadership and extracurricular activities*
- *Personal motivation and initiative*
- *Demonstrated interest in the beef industry*
- *Career goals*
- *Academic standing*

Administration

The scholarship will be administered by a Scholarship Committee composed of the Association Second Vice-President, and 3 association members.

Instructions for Completing an Application

1. This application provides information that will be used by the RCCA Scholarship Committee in selecting recipients. To ensure that your application will be considered for this scholarship, please complete (type or **neatly** print) this form and submit to the mailing address or email address:

RCCA Scholarship Committee

Attn: Brandon Hartman

Email: brandon_hartman@ncsu.edu

525 NC HWY 65

Reidsville, NC 27320

2. Please write your essay **without using your name** and fill out pages 2 and 3 in order for the committee to choose the best applicant without biases.
3. For timely consideration, applications and all supporting documentation **must be received by March 1, 2024.**

Attach the following to the application

- A 1-2 page essay that describes why agriculture is important to you. This essay should also describe your college goals and future career plans.
- Applicants should include an official high school transcript with standardized test scores included or current college transcript.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, civic and/or faith community leaders, and or employers.

Personal Information

Applicant's Name: Age:
Home Address: City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number: Email Address:
High School, College, or University Currently Attending:
Father's Name: Father's Occupation:
Mother's Name: Mother's Occupation:

Academic Information

GPA: SAT Scores: ACT Scores:
Class Rank and Class Size:
If not already attending, have you applied for admission to an accredited college or university?
If yes, have you been accepted?

Livestock Information

Are you currently a RCCA member?
Are your parents or grandparents currently a RCCA member?
If you or your family derives income from farming, please indicate:
Percent of total net income derived from farming: _____ %
Nature of farming activity (crops & animals produced):
The nature and degree of your involvement in this farming operation:
Please list cattle-related projects or activities:

Application Check List:

- Essay attached:
- References attached:
- High school transcript:
- Signed and dated the Affirmation Statement:

Extra-Curricular Activities

Organization	Member/ Officer/ Responsibility

Awards and Honors:

Award	Date Received

Community and Civic Affairs:

Organization	Member/ Officer/ Responsibility

Employment (It is important that you list all work activities as these may be given consideration in evaluating your participation in extra-curricular and other activities):

Dates	Employer	Responsibilities

Affirmation Statement

All information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful. It is my understanding that in order to receive scholarships, I must be in good standing with my school. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I authorize the RCCA Scholarship Committee to access my academic and disciplinary records for use in the scholarship decision-making process.

Signed: _____ Date: _____