



SCHOLARSHIPS



The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) and Tennessee CattleWomen's Association (TCW) will award a total of four, \$600 scholarships to outstanding students who demonstrate good leadership skills, industry involvement, and a desire to pursue a career in the beef industry. Fields of study may include education, communications, production, research, or any other area involved with the beef industry. The purpose of this program is to identify and encourage talented and thoughtful students who will emerge as industry leaders.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, enrolled in a technical school program, or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two or four-year institution in Tennessee for the entire 2025-2026 academic year. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the institution of learning to be applied toward the student's expenses.
- Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in the beef industry through life experiences, industry involvement, 4-H & FFA involvement, and coursework.
- Previous scholarship winners are eligible to apply in subsequent years, but preference will be given to new applicants.

JUDGING PROCESS

TCA and TCW leadership will review the applications, essays, and select the winners. Essays will be judged on originality, grammar, clarity of expression, accuracy, and genuineness. Judges decisions are final. The *Tennessee Cattle Business* reserves the right to publish all or any parts of the essays submitted. Applications will be judged on the Essay (50%) and Activity in 4-H, FFA, and other agriculture organizations (50%)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Essay – write an essay of 500 words or less on the following topic, "Bridging the Gap: Educating the public about the Tennessee beef cattle industry."
2. References – obtain a letter of reference from a current or former instructor, or industry professional.
3. List participation in 4-H, FFA, other agriculture organizations, certifications and awards received.
4. Applicant must be a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association, Tennessee CattleWomen's Association, OR their parent or grandparent must be a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association OR Tennessee CattleWomen's Association.
5. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2026

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Are you a TN Cattlemen's Youth Assn. Member? Yes _____ No _____ Membership No. _____

Are you a TN Cattlewomen's Assn. Member? Yes _____ No _____ Membership No. _____

Are your parents and/or grandparents a TN Cattlemen's Assn. Member?
Yes _____ No _____ Membership No. _____

Institution of Learning _____

Career Interest(s) _____

Anticipated Completion of Studies (Year) _____

Completed applications should be emailed to Taylor Kaufman, taylor@tncattle.org, with the Subject Line: SCHOLARSHIP [LAST NAME], or mailed to the Tennessee Cattlemen's Assn. c/o SCHOLARSHIPS 530B Brandies Cir. Murfreesboro, TN 37128

