

# Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association

## 2023 Ambassador Application

### TCYA Mission Statement:

The mission of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association is to provide young cattle producers and agricultural enthusiasts with an organization through which they may seek leadership and educational opportunities to prepare them for a future in the industry.

### Purpose of TCYA Ambassadors:

The purpose of the TCYA Ambassadors is to promote the well-being of the cattle industry, to further encourage youth involvement and cooperation in the cattle industry.

### Ambassador Guidelines:

- Four (4) TCYA Ambassadors will be selected based on applications and supporting materials. Interviews will be conducted as deemed necessary.
- TCYA Ambassadors will serve a one-year term: January 2023 to January 2024
- All ambassador applicants must be at least 16 years of age by Jan. 1, 2023.
- **Applicants must be a paid member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association.**
- Former TCYA Ambassadors are eligible to apply, however, preference will be given to new applicants.

### Ambassador Responsibilities:

- Attend and help with the TCA Winter Meeting, January 2-3, 2023, in Lebanon, TN
- Attend the initial Youth Ambassador leadership training day, January 16 OR February 20 (TBD), 2023, in Murfreesboro, TN
- Attend and help with the TCA Youth Awards Banquet, January 21, 2023, in Murfreesboro, TN
- Attend and help with Ag Day on the Hill, *as school schedule permits* (March, date TBD)
- Participate in BEEF culinary training with the Tennessee Beef Industry Council (tentatively, April)
- Assist with TCA involvement during Tennessee Junior Beef Expo (July)
- Attend industry tour and sponsor relations day (July)
- Attend and help with the TCA Annual Convention, July 21-22, 2023, in Sevierville, TN
- Attend the Youth Leadership Program Beef Industry Tour, July 31-August 4, 2023, in Kentucky and Ohio
- Attend officer meetings & trainings, conference calls, and various other events throughout the year
- Submit one article for the Tennessee Cattle Business magazine
- Assist with Tennessee's Top Tier points shows as needed
- Assist with generating new youth ideas and programs
- Assist with other association and industry outreach efforts as needed

### Additional Information:

The dates listed above within the "Ambassador Responsibilities" are all tentative. More dates and events are subject to be added as the year progresses. To uphold the integrity of the TCA Youth Ambassador program, if selected as a Youth Ambassador, you may not miss any more than two of the outlined dates/responsibilities. Youth Ambassadors are responsible for their travel to and from Youth Ambassador functions. Hotel arrangements will be provided when deemed necessary.

# Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association Ambassador Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been involved with the cattle industry? \_\_\_\_\_

List your interests, skills & strengths in the cattle industry: \_\_\_\_\_

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List your involvement in extra-curricular organizations (4-H, FFA, junior breed associations, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Offices held and specific responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special recognitions, achievements, awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Future Plans (college, vocational school, work, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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***By signing below, you commit to the guidelines and responsibilities of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association Ambassador role and authorize that the information provided in your application is accurate.***

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**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Parent or Guardian's Signature**

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**Date**

**Additional Application Materials:**

- Include a one-page essay, typed and single spaced, on "How Can I Benefit the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association?"
- Include a recent photo of yourself.
- Applications will be accepted via Google Forms, mail-in, and email. Applications must be received (or postmarked, if mailing) by December 1, 2022.

**Mail completed applications to:**  
Tennessee Cattlemen's Association  
c/o Melinda Perkins  
530 B Brandies Circle  
Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Or submit via Google Forms at [www.tncattle.org/outstanding-youth-award](http://www.tncattle.org/outstanding-youth-award)  
Or submit via email to [melinda@tncattle.org](mailto:melinda@tncattle.org) with subject line 'YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION'

**Questions? Please contact Melinda at [melinda@tncattle.org](mailto:melinda@tncattle.org) or (615) 896-2333**