



Academic Rodeo Middle School Scholarship



The Academic Rodeo of The Park of East Texas will award a minimum of six Middle School Scholarships each year to be paid to the winning students upon completion of Middle School. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available. Specific award amounts will be announced in January of each year.

Selection Process

Selection of scholarships will come from current middle school contest winners in the Academic Rodeo.

Eligible students: Middle School Students placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd as an individual or team member in a **current year** contest and Middle School One Act Play Outstanding Performers.

The Selection Committee draws information about each applicant from the application, transcript, essay and recommendations. A variety of factors are considered in the process including, but not limited to, academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular or community activities, goals, and motivation

Application Procedures

Submit a **Scholarship Application Packet** by the deadline indicated for the current year. The packet should contain **ALL** required documents as listed below or is not considered. **Additional information above that required will be discarded.** Forms provided on the Scholarship Page **should** be used.

1. Middle School **Application** (available online)
2. Student **Essay** (See page 2 of the application.)
3. **Official transcript** from current school or a current grade record prepared by the school
4. **Counselor's Verification Form** (available online) – If no counselor at school, Principal may provide. For Home School Students, the Primary educator should complete the form.
5. **2 Academic Reference Forms other than** Counselor (teacher, principal, etc.) – One reference may come from a previous school, but at least one must be from the current school. (form available online). Home School students should choose other teachers involved with the student (Co-op teacher, music teacher, art, teacher, etc.)
6. **1 Community Character Reference Form** (available online) – May include Youth Minister, Scout Leader, Dance Instructor, etc.

Awards for the current year will be announced at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration.

A representative of Academic Rodeo will attend school awards programs to present the award when possible.

Requirements for Receipt of Scholarship

Graduating students must meet these eligibility requirements to qualify for the distribution of the Academic Rodeo Middle School Scholarship Award funds:

- Graduate from Middle School.
- Enroll in a college, university or technical school or enlist in the military by the following fall semester
- Must have maintained high character and academics during school years as determined by a reference form from the school (Reference form is **NOT** necessary if the student receives the scholarship award in the graduation year.)

Procedures for Receiving Funds

- Middle school scholarship winners should supply a yearly **Update** with address and grade level information to Academic Rodeo - Scholarships using the Update Form available on the website.
- Submit a **Request for Release of Funds** upon graduation.
- The student should request the Middle School send an official Middle School transcript and Counselor Verification Form **by July 15** following Middle School graduation.
- Submit proof of enrollment at a university, college, or trade school
- Students enlisting in the military must send proof of completion of basic training to receive scholarship awards.

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