



# Academic Rodeo Middle School Scholarship Rules



The Academic Rodeo of The Park of East Texas will award a minimum of six Middle School Scholarships to be paid to the winning students upon completion of high school. Additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are available. Specific award amounts or a pause in awarding scholarships will be announced by Contest Registration Deadline.

## Selection Process

Selection of scholarships will come from current high 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.

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 will NOT be considered. Additional information above that required will be discarded. Forms provided on the Scholarship Page should be used. Do NOT include this sheet.

1. Middle School **Application** (available online) – Follow directions for Info Sheet, Cover Page, and additional pages.
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 is 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, etc.)
6. **1 Community Reference Form** (available online) – May include Ministers, 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 Celebrations to present the award when possible.

Middle school scholarship winners should complete the online Update each year or when information (address, graduation year, etc.) has changed.

## 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 high 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

Submit a **Request for Release of Funds** upon graduation, preferably by July 15 with the following documents.

- Official High School Transcript (Request before graduation)
- Counselor Verification form (Request Counselor complete and return to Student).
- Proof of enrollment at a university, college, or other trade school
- Students enlisting in the military must send proof of completion of basic training to receive scholarship awards.

## For questions concerning scholarship requirements:

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