



2025 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is offering scholarships for applicants pursuing a degree at: 1) a college/university, or 2) a technical/trade school. Applicants must be graduating seniors and choose which post-secondary option for which they intend to apply. Deadline: Applications must be submitted online at www.rgvls.com on or before December 15, 2024.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must submit a complete application no later than the deadline.
2. Must have exhibited at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo, specifically the March event, in at least two (2) of the past three (3) years including the current year.
3. Applicants must be a resident of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy County.
4. Must have submitted a formal application (e.g. *ApplyTexas*) to enroll in a college or university of higher education to attend in the Fall following high school graduation.
5. SAT or ACT scores submissions are strongly recommended, but not required.

If the minimum requirements above are not met, the application will be ineligible to be considered for a scholarship.

TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

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3. Applicants must be a resident of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy County.
4. Must have plans to enroll in a technical or vocational school in the Fall following high school graduation.

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The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities or operations.



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JUDGING & EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

<u>APPLICANT SCORING METRICS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Academics	30
RGVLS Projects	20
Projects (other than RGVLS)	10
Leadership	10
Honors and Awards	7
Citizenship	5
Narrative	10
Sub-Total	92
*Interview	8
TOTAL SCORE	100

*Only applicants selected for an interview will receive an interview score

**After preliminary judging of the applications, the Scholarship Committee will invite the top-scoring applicants for an interview.*

Scholarship Application Submission & Deadline:

Completed applications must be submitted online **on or before December 15, 2024**. RGVLS will not accept printed/paper copies of the application or supporting documents.

Completing the Application:

- Application: Type using the fillable PDF form, save file for uploading. (Free Adobe Reader required)
 - Do not add additional pages to the application.
 - Do not re-create your own form/application. Applicants must use the official form.
- Academic Record: Must be saved as a single PDF file for uploading.
 - High school transcript and/or official academic record.
 - Any concurrent enrollment college credit transcripts.
 - Any SAT/ACT official score reports.
- Certification by Applicant: Initial, secure signatures, and save file for uploading.
- Submit by the deadline.

Scholarship Announcement & Redemption:

- Scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at the annual Sale of Champions and are encouraged to assist during the Sale of Champions Committee on Saturday, March 15, 2025.
- Scholarship funds must be requested using the online Scholarship Redemption form **by June 1, 2026**. Failure to provide the following information to RGVLS by the redemption deadline will result in forfeiture of all scholarship awards. Scholarship awardee must provide the following:
 - High school transcript with proof of graduation
 - Proof of enrollment in college/university or technical/trade school (e.g. class schedule)
 - Verification of Enrollment (VOE) from the institution



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APPLICANT INFORMATION PAGE

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: TX Zip _____

County: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Alternative Contact (parent/guardian) Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School Name: _____ School District: _____

Number of years exhibited at RGVLS including 2025: _____

FFA Chapter and/or 4-H Club (currently enrolled): _____

Type of Application: I plan to attend... College/University Technical/Trade School

Name of Institution: _____

Planned Degree Major/Program Certification: _____

Have you been formally accepted by the institution indicated above? Yes No

Planned Career Choice: _____

Academic Record:

Class Rank: _____ of _____ Current GPA: _____ (Weighted or Unweighted)
Total Size of Class

Optional Academic Records:

*S.A.T. Score: SAT User Percentile _____% EBRW _____ Math _____ Total Score _____

*A.C.T. Composite US Rank _____% Composite Score _____

S.A.T. User Percentile and A.C.T. Composite US Rank can be found on the official score reports from testing organization.



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LEADERSHIP

List any major leadership roles in any organization that you have been or are currently a member of. Include the Year, Organization, your Title/Role, and your Duties/Accomplishments.

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	LEADERSHIP TITLE	DUTIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HONORS

List your most important and significant honors received, if any, and their significance or importance to you. List the Year, the Honor received, and its Significance to You.

YEAR	HONOR RECEIVED	SIGNIFICANCE TO YOU



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PERSONAL ESSAY/NARRATIVE

Write or type a brief essay/narrative telling us about yourself, your career plans, and how your involvement in RGVLS projects has influenced your life and career choices. Please do not repeat information already stated in the application. Do not add additional pages. Use only the space provided below.



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CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

Please initial in the space provided for each item listed below.

I am submitting the following material as my application for The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Champs for Champions Academic Scholarship:

_____ Completed Applicant Information Page (1 page)

_____ Completed Applicant Information Page (3 pages)

_____ Personal Essay/Narrative (1 page, front only)

_____ High School Transcript or Official Academic Record. Record should include:

_____ Class Rank (documented in official academic record/transcript)

_____ (*Optional*) S.A.T. Score (official score from S.A.T. or on school transcript)

_____ (*Optional*) A.C.T. Score (official score from S.A.T. or on school transcript)

_____ Concurrent Enrollment: Provide official transcripts for any accumulated college credits, if applicable, earned while attending high school. (Initial or mark N/A if this does not apply)

_____ Certification by Applicant

_____ The materials have been organized in the order listed above.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Ag Science Teacher/County Extension Agent/4-H Club Manager Date