



## 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](http://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

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 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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>92</b>
*Interview	8
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100</b>

\*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