

# The Dude Ranch Foundation Scholarship Program

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## General Purpose Statement

The goal is to support the dude ranching industry and the future of dude ranching by providing financial assistance and encouragement to students pursuing an educational program that will lead to a career of benefit to them and the dude ranch industry.

Enrollment in a traditional four year college is not necessary. Our criteria for granting scholarships are broad and flexible including on-line schools, junior colleges and trade schools. Financial need may be considered in the selection of the scholarship recipients.

Automatic scholarship renewal will be based on a maintained 3.0 GPA, receiving a letter of recommendation from the schools administrative office each year and a letter from the recipient letting the board know how the school year was concluded.

## Application Requirements

### 1. Have a tie to the dude ranch industry

The applicant should have a tie to dude ranching and be a US or Canadian citizen. Each recipient is encouraged to work on a Dude Ranchers' Association member ranch or the DRA office the season they receive the scholarship.

### 2. Attend an accredited school

Attend a high school, accredited college, on-line college or trade school. Students pursuing a field of study directly beneficial to the dude ranch industry have priority over a similar student pursuing a field of study not directly related to the industry.

### 3. Be a full time student

- Enrolled as a high school senior
- Trade school
- Junior college
- Traditional University

### 4. Submit application, transcript, essay and three references post marked by March 15, 2025.

All materials must be submitted by March 15, 2025 to the Dude Ranch Foundation office to be considered for the scholarship.

### 5. Telephone Interviews

A personal telephone interview is required by the executive director and/or board member.

### 6. Official Transcript

It is the duty of scholarship recipient to submit his or her grades at the end of each term. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 is preferred to obtain the scholarship and is required for an automatic renewal.

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## Scholarship Application

Materials must be postmarked by March 15, 2025 or it will not be considered for a scholarship.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Your address while at school \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for the Interview \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Financial Aid Office of the School you will attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled/accepted for enrollment at this school? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

List all other colleges you have attended and reasons for leaving. \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how the degree or certificate you will receive will help you enter into a career in dude ranching.

What is the total cost of tuition and room and board at your college? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your tuition are you currently paying? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied/do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

List other sources & amounts of financial aid you are currently receiving: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be working while you are going to school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to actively pursue and take a job on a Dude Ranchers' Association member ranch or at the DRA office for every year that you apply and receive this scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If not, explain.

If you have had previous experience working on a dude ranch, list ranch name(s), location and dates:

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Transcript

Submit an official transcript from the Fall semester with application and at the end of each term.

## Essay Requirements

- Give examples of your life or ranching experiences that demonstrate the quality of your character.
- Explain why you are interested in and why you qualify for this scholarship.
- Comment on the impact of this scholarship to your life and your financial need.
- Explain your tie to dude ranching now and what you hope it to be in the future.

## References

References for your application need to include the following:

- How do you know the applicant?
- Discuss the quality of the applicant's character and why do you think this applicant should receive this scholarship.
- Do you think the applicant has a financial need for the scholarship?
- What impact do you think this scholarship would have on the applicant's life and future career in the dude ranch industry?

Have references send comments directly to the Dude Ranch Foundation postmarked by March 15, 2025 or send to [development@duderanchfoundation.org](mailto:development@duderanchfoundation.org).

Please give the name and address of persons whom you will use as references.

Personal Reference (someone who has known you at least two years)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Reference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_