

# The Dude Ranch Foundation Scholarship Program

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## General Purpose Statement

The Dude Ranch Foundation Scholarship Program aims to support the future of the dude ranching industry by providing financial assistance to students pursuing educational programs that will benefit both their careers and the industry. Enrollment in traditional four-year colleges is not required.

We accept applications for online schools, junior colleges, and trade schools. Our criteria are broad and flexible, and financial need may be considered in the selection process. Apply today and invest in your future!

## Application Requirements

1. **Connection to Dude Ranching:** Applicant must have ties to the dude ranch industry and be a U.S. or Canadian citizen. Preference is given to those working with a Dude Ranchers' Association ranch or office during the scholarship year.
2. **Accredited School:** Must attend an accredited high school, college, online program, or trade school, with priority given to those studying fields directly benefiting the dude ranch industry.
3. **Full-Time Enrollment:** Must be enrolled as a full-time student in high school, trade school, junior college, or university.
4. **Application Materials:** Submit the application, transcript, essay, and three references by March 15, 2025.
5. **Interview:** A personal telephone interview is required.
6. **Transcript:** Recipients must submit

## Essay Requirements Summary:

In your essay, please provide examples of your life or ranching experiences that highlight your character. Explain why you're interested in this scholarship, why you qualify, and how it will impact your life, including your financial need. Additionally, describe your current connection to dude ranching and your future goals within the industry.

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## Scholarship Application

Materials must be postmarked by March 15, 2025, or they 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 your 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 the application 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 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 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 to [info@dud ranchfoundation.org](mailto:info@dud ranchfoundation.org).

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

Personal Reference (someone who has known you for 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 \_\_\_\_\_