

2022-23 Scholarship Tips & Opportunities



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Useful Tools

- Resources to help prepare you for scholarship opportunities:
 - Scholarship applications & instructions
 - 4-H records (record book, notes, etc.)
 - Scholastic records (grades, test scores, etc.)
 - Family Financial Records
 - Time - *don't wait until the last minute*



Internet Resources

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> (key to college financing)
- College for All Texans <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com>
- Fastweb - <http://www.fastweb.com>
- The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar – <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/msp>
- Scholarship Help - <http://www.scholarshiphelp.org>
- Scholarships.com - <https://www.scholarships.com>
- Leon County Website- <https://leon.agrilife.org/scholarship/>

The Power of A Good Application



- *If you expect someone else to invest in your education, invest in your application (otherwise known as a request for their support)*
- *Is your effort worth the money the donor wants to invest in you?*

Completing Applications



- Brainstorm and gather information before you start any applications – they all require similar info about you and your experiences
- Make sure high school academic standards have been met, college entrance exams have been taken early and often, and you've started the FAFSA process
- Read and follow instructions/directions
- Complete all sections – Not Applicable means NO SCORE!
- Emphasize quality!

Completing Applications

- Narratives that have only been written once are rarely effective - start early, and edit often
- Proof-read and have others review and critique – ask an English teacher to review narratives to ensure proper grammar and punctuation
- Simple typos and punctuation can distract judges from the message being presented
- Think about your application from a judge's point of view
- Request your official transcript ahead of time from your school counselor
- Printer problems and computer crashes are a fact-of-life, plan ahead and manage your time

Letters of Recommendation

- Show that people respect your skills and accomplishments, and are willing to say so in writing and sign their names
- Beyond teachers, who else can provide?
 - athletic coaches
 - club advisors
 - volunteer work supervisors
 - Employers
 - religious leaders
 - friends of the family who are familiar with you and hold a position that lends credibility to the recommendation such as the family's attorney, your doctor or a local businessman

Letters of Recommendation

- Review scholarship directions for specifics about letters (example: 2 letters, 1 from teacher and 1 from community member)
- Ask for a general letter that can be used for many applications
- Have writer use official letterhead, if possible
- After you receive the letter, write a note of appreciation



Requesting Letters of Recommendation

- Recognize that writing a letter of recommendation is not a simple task
- ASK!! It's not anyone's "job" to write these letters, so ask and appreciate!
- Simplify the job by providing information about the scholarship, your extracurricular activities and maybe even a copy of your college essays so the writer has something to work from
- Give your letter writers plenty of time to write
- Respect and appreciate letter writers because they provide letters to support you and your effort to continue your education

Preparing for Interviews

- Dress for success
- Learn about sponsoring group
- Review suggested questions
- Be aware of current events
- Practice and videotape



Prepare for Online Interviews

- Some scholarship interviews may be conducted online. Here are some tips:
 - Practice using the online software.
 - Make sure you have good internet service, a working microphone, and camera.
 - Make sure you have a blank background. (Use a white wall, sheet, etc...)
 - Make sure you do not have anything to distract you during the interview. (People, Pets, TV, etc...)

Available Scholarships

- Variety of applications available from the Extension office, many of which are available at <https://leon.agrilife.org/scholarship/>
- See school counselors for additional scholarship opportunities
- If you know of others we can add to this resource, please share those with us!



High School Graduates Scholarship Opportunities

Leon County 4-H Scholarship

- 3, up to \$700 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - Active 4-H member for at least 3 years
- Submit application form, high school transcript, and letter of recommendation from 4-H leader.
- Deadline – **April 1, 2023**
- Application available on Leon Co. Extension website

Leon County Master Gardeners Scholarship

- 2, \$1,500 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - 4-H or FFA member for at least 3 years
- Submit application form, narrative, transcript, FAFSA report, 2 letters of recommendation and picture
- Deadline – **April 1, 2023**
- Application available on Leon Co. Extension website

Leon County Youth Livestock Show Scholarship

- 7 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000
- Criteria:
 - Must have participated in LCYLS as a 4-H or FFA member for at least 4 years
 - High school senior
- Submit application form, transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and college acceptance letter
- Deadline – **March 24, 2023 (Interview: April 5)**
- Application available:
<https://lcyls.blogspot.com/p/scholarships.html>

Schweinle Memorial Scholarship

- 1 scholarships in the amount of \$4000
- Criteria:
 - Must have participated in LCYLS as a 4-H or FFA member for at least 4 years
 - High school senior
- Submit application form, transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and college acceptance letter
- Deadline – **March 24, 2023 (Interview: April 5)**
- Application available:
<https://lcyys.blogspot.com/p/scholarships.html>

Leon County Farm Bureau Scholarship

- __, \$_____ scholarship(s)
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
- Submit _____
- Deadline – _____
- Contact County Farm Bureau office
 - 903-536-2202

Jewett Extension Education Club Scholarship

- __, \$_____ scholarship(s)
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
- Submit _____
- Deadline – **March, 2023**
- When application available, it will be posted on Leon Co. Extension website

Normangee Extension Education Club Scholarship

- __, \$_____ scholarship(s)
- Criteria:
 - Graduating senior at Normangee High School
 - Planning to attend 2 or 4 year college or technical school
- Submit application, 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – April 1st

Leon Extension Education Association Scholarship

- 2, \$500 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - 4-H member for at least 4 years
 - Resident of Leon County
 - Graduating senior with GPA of 2.5 or better
- Submit application form, transcript and 3 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – **first Monday of March (3/1/2021)**
- Application available on Leon Co. Extension website

District 8 Extension Education Association Scholarship

- 1, \$1,000 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Currently an active senior 4-H member in good standing for at least 4 years
 - Leadership and personal development through 4-H
 - Only 1 entry per county may be submitted
- Submit application form, 4-H recordbook, transcript and 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – February 15th
- Application will be available on Leon Co. Extension website

District 8 TAE4-HYDP Scholarship

- 1, \$500 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - D8 4-H members who do **not** receive a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship are eligible to apply
- Submit application form, personal narrative, transcript and 3 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – **May 18, 2023**
- Application will be available on Leon Co. Extension website

Lone Star Ag Credit Scholarship



- 6, \$2500 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Open to 4-H & FFA Graduating Seniors.
- Submit 3 Copies of: application form, resume, list of honors, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation and 2-page essay.
- Deadline – **Mid March, 2023**
- Application will be available on Leon Co. Extension website
- <https://lonestaragcredit.com/news/lone-star-ag-credit-accepting-scholarship-applications/>

OD Butler Memorial Scholarship

- Number and amounts dependent on availability of funds
- Criteria:
 - 4-H or FFA member
 - High school senior
 - No degree/major requirement
- Submit application, transcript and narrative
- Deadline – **Not Out Yet- June __, 2023**
- Application will be available on Leon Co. Extension website

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship

- 1, \$6,000 and 2, \$2,000 scholarships
- Recognizes achievements of high school seniors who take a leadership role in preventing litter in their schools and communities
- Criteria:
 - High school senior planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university next year
- Submit application and essay
- Deadline – Updated in Jan. due **Mar 31, 2023**
- <http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/education/scholarships>

Texas Cattlegirls High School Graduate Scholarship

(for Pat Grote Memorial & TCW Scholarship)

- \$500 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Planning to pursue ag related major
- Submit application, 2 essays, resume, transcript and 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – **Not Out Yet- May/June, 2023**
- <https://txcattlegirls.org/programs>

Jason Krueger Memorial Scholarship

- __, \$_____ scholarships
- Criteria:
 - Member of 4-H or FFA
 - High school senior
 - Must have exhibited a steer in Texas Steer Shows
- Submit information sheet, biography, essay and 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – Not Out Yet- **April, 2023**
- <https://atacosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/>

Brazos Extension Horse Committee Scholarship

- Several, \$1,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
- Submit application
- Deadline – **Not Out Yet**
- <https://www.brazoshorse.com/scholarship-information.html>



Texas Section Society for Range Management

- 1, \$2,500 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Major in Range Management or a related ag field
- Submit application
- Deadline – **Not Out Yet March, 2023**
- <https://rangelands.org/students/masonic-scholarship/>

Texas Farm Credit Scholarship

- 18 Ag Champ, \$1,000 scholarships
- 10 Marsha Martin, \$5000 Post Secondary Scholarships
- Criteria:
 - Member of 4-H or FFA
 - High school senior
 - Plan to pursue an ag-related college degree
- Submit application, transcript and 3 essays
- Deadline – **January 15, 2023**
- <https://www.texasfcs.com/news/scholarship-programs>

Capital Farm Credit Scholarship

- Minimum of 1, \$1,000 in Scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High school Texas 4-H & FFA members
 - Plan to pursue degree in agriculture, education or natural resources
- Deadline- **TBA**
- Contact local Capital Farm Credit Office
 - Madisonville, 936-348-2661
 - <https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/about-us/community-support>

Texas Farm Bureau

Dick Mitchell Scholarship

- \$1,000 scholarship
- Eligibility
 - Member of Farm Bureau family
 - High school junior or senior who attended Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference
- Submit application, essay and picture
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

Texas Farm Bureau

Young Farmer & Rancher Scholarship

- 13, \$1,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Pursue a degree in agriculture
 - Member of a Farm Bureau family
- Submit application, transcript, 1 letter of recommendation and picture
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
<http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

Texas Farm Bureau

Memorial/Honorary & District Scholarships

- 39, \$1,000 and 13, \$1,500 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Member of a Farm Bureau family
 - Pursue a degree in agriculture
- Submit application, transcript and picture
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
<http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

TCAAA

Youth Scholarships

- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Parent/Guardian must be a TCAAA member
 - Pursue an undergraduate degree
- Submit application and requirements
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <https://tcaaa.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

Texas Big Game

Youth Scholarships

- 8, \$1,500 scholarships & 1, \$3,000 Scholarship
- Criteria:
 - High school senior or College Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior
 - Pursue a Agriculture/Natural Resources degree
- Submit application and requirements
- Deadline: **March 31, 2023 (annually)**
- <http://www.texasbiggameawards.org/scholarships/>

Trans Ova Genetics

Youth Scholarships

- 10, \$1,500 scholarships
- Criteria:
- Submit application and requirements
- Released: January 1, 2023
- Deadline: **March 1, 2023**
- <https://transova.com/youth/>

Sullivan Supply/Stock Show U

Youth Scholarships

- 20, \$1,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High School Senior or 21 or younger college student
 - U.S. or Canada Resident
 - Agriculture Major or Career goal in livestock
- Submit application and requirements
- Released: January 1, 2023
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <https://www.sullivansupply.com/scholarships/>

John D. Bay Memorial Scholarship

- 20, \$1,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - Leon County Youth
 - High School Graduating Senior
 - Planning to attend a trade or technical School
- Submit application and requirements
- Deadline: **April 1, 2023**
- Application can be found on Leon County Extension Page or at: <https://jdbmsf.com/>

Richard Wayne Pollard Educational Foundation

- Several, \$500 scholarships/Semester of College
- Criteria:
 - High School Graduating Senior in Wood, Brazos, Burleson, Robertson, Grimes, **Leon**, Madison or Washington Counties.
 - GPA of 2.75
 - Accepted into trade or certificate program, 2 year or 4 year college
- Submit application and requirements
- Deadline: **July 1, 2023**
- <http://rwpef.org/applicants/>

State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Scholarship

- Multiple, \$6,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Participated in competitive youth livestock events at the State Fair
 - Must attend Texas college/university and pursue degree in ag-related field
- Complete on-line application
- Deadline – **February 1, 2023**
- <https://bigtex.com/supporting-texans/scholarship/>

Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship

- \$2,500-25,000 valued scholarship(s)
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Participated in San Angelo Stock Show
 - Must attend Texas college/university
- Submit application, 2 letters of recommendation, essay and transcript
- Deadline – **March 24, 2023**
- <https://www.hotfair.com/p/about-us/scholarship-program>

San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

- \$1,000 scholarship(s)
- Criteria:
 - High school senior
 - Participated in San Angelo Stock Show
 - Must attend Texas college/university
- Submit application, narrative, 3 letters of recommendation, transcript and picture
- Deadline – **March 10, 2023**
- <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/about/scholarship>

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo& TX Star Scholarships

- (3) \$1,500 scholarship(s) and (1) \$1,000 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Applicant must be a resident of the Brazos Valley: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, LEON, Madison, Milam, Robertson, and Washington
 - Must have been an active participant at the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo. Those who have volunteered, exhibited or competed are eligible.
 - Must attend an accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution and be able to provide required proof of enrollment and completion of courses.
- Submit application
- Released- January, 2023
- Deadline – **Mid Spring, 2023**
- <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/p/about/scholarships>



GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP	QUANTITY	CLASS RANK	GUIDELINES
Geographic			
Area Go Texan	79	Top Third	PDF
Houston Area	350	Top Half	PDF
Specialty			
Exhibitor	30	Top Half	PDF
Hildebrand	15	Top Quarter	PDF
Military	5	Top Quarter	PDF
School Art	15	Top Quarter	PDF
4-H	70	Top Quarter	Contact 4-H: Visit Site
FFA	70	Top Quarter	Contact FFA: Visit Site

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5, 2022	Application Available Online
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, 7:59 p.m.	Online Application Closes
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, 4:59 p.m.	School Official Submission Closes
May 2023	Recipient selection notification begins
June 2023	Scholar Celebration

<https://www.rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholars/Apply>

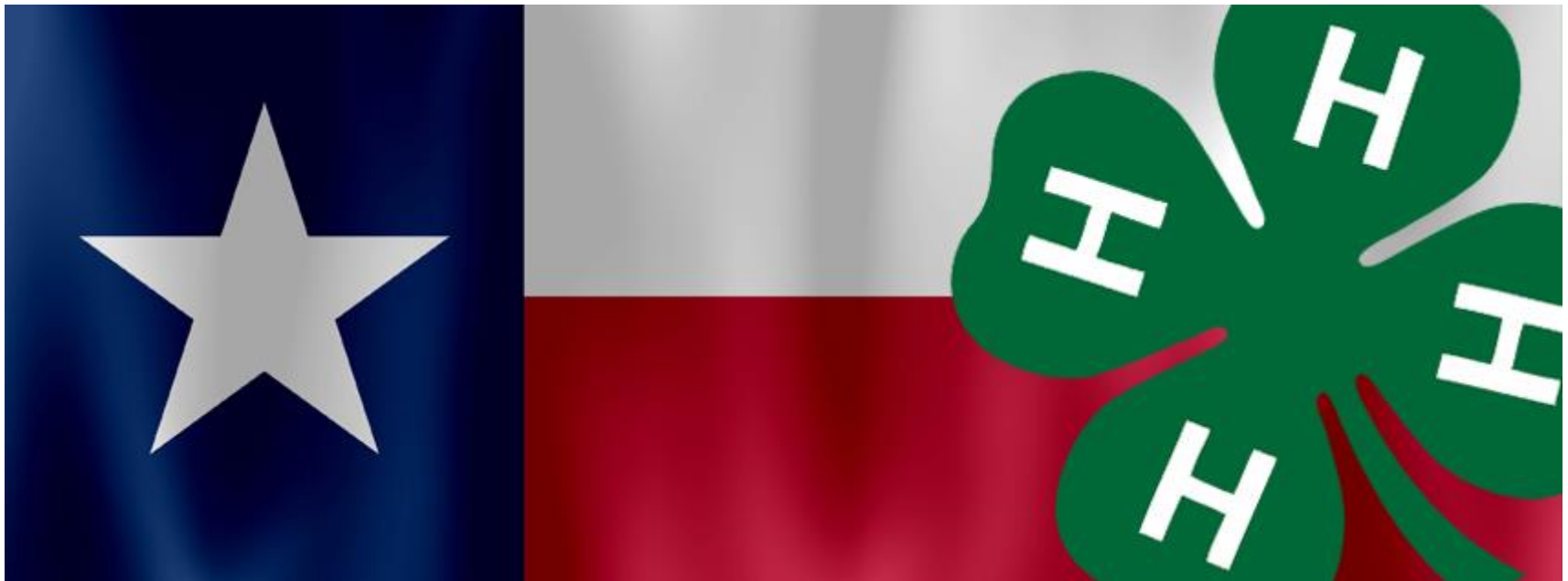
International Red Brangus Breeders Association

- Number and amount are unclear
- Criteria:
 - May be members of IRBBA, IBBA or IJBBA
 - High school senior or current college/trade school student with GPA of at least 2.5
- Submit application, 2 letters of recommendation and picture
- Deadline – Not out Yet **April, 2023**
- <http://redbrangus.org/purebred/scholarship.php>

National 4-H Youth in Action

- The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.
- Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:
 - \$5,000 higher education scholarship
 - Opportunities to showcase their 4-H impact story
 - All-expenses paid trip to National 4-H Council event
 - Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
 - Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar
- Release Date- January 30
- Deadline – **March 27, 2023**
- <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!2023-application>

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships



History

- *More than 57 years old*
- *Largest 4-H scholarship program in US*
- *More than \$2 million given annually*
- *First scholarship (\$1,000) given in 1959 by the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo*

For 2023...

- 200+ academically-competitive scholarships will be awarded
- Amounts range from \$6,000 to \$20,000
- All applications will be submitted online
- Presented during Texas 4-H Roundup June 5-8, in College Station

Application



- Applications (except for collegiate applications) must be submitted online.
- Each page of the application must be completed electronically, and then uploaded as a pdf during the online submission process on 4-H Connect; no need to print and mail in a paper copy of the application
- <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

Four Categories

- Baccalaureate
 - For students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees
- Technical Certification
 - For students who wish to pursue technical certification
- Courageous Heart
 - Awarded to Texas 4-H members that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family and/or education
- Collegiate
 - For former Texas 4-H members who have completed at least 30 hours of college credit

General Requirements

- Be an active member of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program
- Be a US Citizen and Texas resident
- Be scheduled to graduate from a Texas High School (public, private, or home) during the 2018-19 school year (except Collegiate applicants)
- Have made formal application to enroll in a Texas college/university/technical school
- Completed and passed all necessary standardized tests/requirements
- Submit a current Texas 4-H Scholarship application
<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

Important Dates

- Baccalaureate/Technical and Courageous Heart:
 - Rough draft Email to Cassie by Jan. 13, 2023
 - 2nd rough draft Email to Cassie by Jan. 30, 2023
 - D8 4-H Review Date: Fri., Jan. 13, 2023 submit to cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu
 - Final County Review Date- February 6, 2023
 - Final application due February 14, 2023
 - Interviews: April 28-30, 2022 in College Station
 - Selection Notification will be sent in April, 2023
 - Award Notifications- May, 2023
 - Awards Assemblies and Banquets: June 6-8, 2023 College Station
- Collegiate

Baccalaureate Scholarship

- For students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from an accredited Texas College or University.
- There is not a quartile ranking minimum to apply but based on scholarship criteria, some scholarships require an applicant to be in the upper one-fourth of their class.



Technical Certification Scholarship

- For students who wish to pursue technical certification in a recognized and approved major/course of study.
- NOT have plans to continue formal education at a Texas college and/or university after the completion of a technical program

Courageous Heart Scholarship

- Scholarships awarded to Texas 4-H members pursuing either a Baccalaureate or Technical degree that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education and remained an active member in both 4-H and school.
- Completed Courageous Heart application and have included three letters of support outlining in detail, the obstacle and how the applicant has overcome the situation.
- Courageous Heart applicant cannot be considered for other Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships.
- Have documentation of obstacles related to health, education, and/or family situation.

Collegiate Scholarship

- Was an active 4-H member during high school career
- Be attending or will be attending a Texas college/university
- Completed 30 semester hours by fall 2023
- Be carrying a minimum of 2.7 GPA
- Typically \$1,000 value scholarships



- Judges have limited time to review and score Texas 4-H Scholarship applications, so be sure your application provides the info they need
- There are 3, 1 page narratives (financial, personal and career) so the rest should be bulleted lists/tables/charts to help the reader gather the most important info
- Under projects, maybe bold important words like **learned, led, coordinated, served**, etc. – draws the reader's attention to most impactful details
- For leadership and community service, try to incorporate numbers led/served/helped



- For financial narrative, include:
 - Any college credits earned while in high school
 - What college is going to cost
 - Any other uncommon expenses your family deals with
- For personal narrative, really tell what 4-H has meant to you
- For the career narrative, include:
 - How 4-H helped guide you in your career choice
 - How you made the choice about your career choice
 - Discuss any visits to colleges and/or with professors, professionals in that career field, etc.

Collegiate Scholarship Opportunities

Texas Extension Education Association Alumnae Scholarship

- 1, \$500 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Open to former 4-H members between ages of 19 and 24 or son/daughter/grandchild of a current TEEA member
- Submit application form, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation and narrative
- Deadline – April 1st
- Application will be available on Leon Co. Extension website

Texas Cattlegirls Collegiate Scholarship

- \$1,000 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Sophomore-senior level in a 4-year college or university
 - Ag major
- Submit application, 2 essays, resume, transcript and 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline – Not Out Yet- May __, 2023
- <https://txcattlegirls.org/programs>

Texas Farm Bureau

Mia Balko Student Teaching Scholarship

- 3, \$2,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - Senior Ag Education Major with purpose of teaching agriculture
 - Must be attending a college or university listed: Angelo State, SHSU, SFA, Sul Ross, Tarleton, A&M, TX State, Tech, or West TX A&M
 - Member of a FB family
- Submit application, signed degree plan, 2 letters of recommendation and picture
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

Texas Farm Bureau

Young Farmer & Rancher Collegiate Scholarship

- 3, \$2,000 scholarships
- Criteria:
 - College student with at least 45 hours
 - Pursue degree in ag
 - Member of a FB family
- Submit application, signed degree plan, 2 letters of recommendation and picture
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

Texas Farm Bureau

S.M. True Agriculture Award

- 1, \$20,000 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - Member of Farm Bureau family
 - At least a junior in college
 - Majoring in ag program
- Submit application, 2 letters of recommendation and course work/grades
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>

American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers

- Several Scholarship Opportunities
- ASABE Foundation Engineering Scholarship:
 - 1, \$2,000 scholarship
- William J. Adams & Marijene Adams Scholarship:
 - 1, \$2,000 scholarship
- Criteria:
 - At least 1 year as Biological or ag engineering student
 - Curriculum accredited by ABED or CEAB
 - GPA of atleast 2.5 & can attest financial need
- Submit application & all requirements
- Deadline: **March 15, 2023**
- <https://asabe.org/StudentEvents>

Thank you!!



We're here to help you.