The VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY & INFORMATION

Please keep the first two pages of this package for reference. The remainder of the pages must be returned along with other information required by the deadline stated.

The Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program will award numerous scholarships each year to outstanding high school seniors. To be eligible to apply for one of these scholarship awards, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

- 1. **RESIDENCY**: The candidate must be a Victoria County resident and must be enrolled in any accredited public or private high school or home school during the current school year at the time of the filing of his/her scholarship application with the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program, which include but are not limited to the following high schools: **Bloomington, Industrial, Victoria St. Joseph, VISD High Schools or Faith Academy.**
- 2. **ACADEMIC STANDING**: The candidate must be a high school senior who has achieved either the equivalent of the following academic credentials, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent.
 - a) A 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or an 85 grade point average on a 100-point scale, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent.

OR

- b) a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale or an 80 grade point average on an 100 point scale, as of the completion of the candidate's first semester of the senior year, or its equivalent, <u>PLUS</u> a minimum score of 1,100 on the SAT or a minimum score of 20 on the ACT.
- 3. **MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY**: The candidate must enroll in a Texas college or university.
- 4. **4-H OR FFA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**: The candidate must have been a member either of the Texas FFA or a Texas 4-H Club for at least two (2) years.
- 5. **LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT**: The candidate must have officially registered and participated as an exhibitor in Victoria Livestock Show, Inc. at least two (2) of the four (4) years immediately preceding the filing of the candidate's application.
- 6. **GRADUATION**: The candidate must graduate from one (1) of the above listed high schools or home school at the end of the spring semester following the presentation of the scholarship.
- 7. **INTERPRETATION**: The Victoria Livestock Show, Inc. reserves the right to interpret the eligibility rules and regulations, settle, and determine all matters concerning the scholarship program. They shall also have the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.

APPLICATION: The candidate must submit a properly completed:

- a) Official Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Application with a head and shoulder **photo** <u>attached</u> (no selfies or no electronic photos)
- b) Official high school transcript which includes the registrar's signature, a certified statement of the candidate's ranking in the graduating class and his/her grade point average (may be part of official transcript) as of the completion of the first semester of his/her senior year; In sealed envelope
- c) Copy of any college entrance examination scores

DEADLINE

In order to be considered, all scholarship applications must be hand delivered to the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service Office at 528 Waco Circle, Victoria, TX 77904, in a sealed envelope addressed to Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program Chairperson by Friday, January 30, 2026

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on participation in the Victoria Livestock Show; academic achievement; citizenship, character and personal attitude; financial need and personal narrative. Following initial consideration of all applications submitted a group of finalists will be selected to be interviewed by the Scholarship Judges. The scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Judges who conduct the interviews- you will be notified when this date/time is. You will be notified by email if you are a scholarship recipient. Please submit valid email address with application.

Scholarship interviews are planned for Thursday, February 12 th after 3:30

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Funds for the scholarship awards will be directly sent to the college or university that the recipient will attend. It is imperative that recipients notify TREASURER, VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC., in writing, at PO Box 2255, Victoria, Texas 77902 at least 30 days before scholarship funds must be received by the recipients' chosen college or university. All requirements specified in the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship policies must be fulfilled. Providing false information to Victoria Livestock Show, Inc. is grounds for forfeiture of the scholarship. All scholarship proceeds must be used by each scholarship recipient within five (5) years after his/her graduation; any funds not used at that time will be forfeited, unless an extension to use said funds is granted by the Victoria Livestock Show, Inc.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The application form is set up in a table format (MS Word). You may use the tab key to navigate the form or by placing the cursor in each field. The narrative areas consist of one cell so that information can be typed in a paragraph format. If leaving a section blank please write "intentionally left blank". The format must be maintained and not altered. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM JUDGING.**

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For Use By Applicant

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Complete Application (all pages)
- 2. Official transcript with class ranking
- 3. Picture attached
- 4. Narrative
- 5. All Signatures
- 6. Due Date

Attach recent 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" HEAD AND SHOULDERS

photo here.
NO SELFIES OR ELECTRONIC
PICTURES

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DATE:				
CANDIDATE INFORMAT	<u>FION</u>			
Name of Candidate:				
Date of Birth:	Email address:			
	(valid e	mail address for primary fo	orm of communication)	
Home Address:				
	(Street or Rural Route and Box)	(City)	(Zip Code)	
Mailing Address:				
(if different than above)	(Street or Rural Route and Box)	(City)	(Zip Code)	
Telephone:	Alt. Phone (optional):			
PARENT/GUARDIAN IN	FORMATION			
Father's Name:				
	Employer:			
Mother's Name:				
Mother's Occupation: _	Employer:			
Home Address:				
	(Street or Rural Route and Box)		(Zip Code)	
Telephone:	Alt. Phone (optio	nal):		

ACADEMIC INFORMATION Name of high school from which you will graduate: Anticipated high school graduation date: _____ Grade Point Average Your class rank : No. in Class: (Rank should be based on your standing after the completion of the first semester or its equivalent of your senior year. Certification of ranking must be furnished to the Livestock Show Scholarship Program Chairperson and may be part of official transcript.) ACT and/or SAT composite scores (proof of scores must be furnished with application): ACT Date examination was taken: Score SAT Date examination was taken: Score **COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS** What College or University do you plan to attend? **Colleges/Universities applied: Colleges/Universities acceptance:** What is your planned major in college? What career do you plan to pursue? FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF CANDIDATE (NOT YOUR PARENTS) Savings and Cash available at start of college:_____ Please list any scholarship you have been awarded: Name of Scholarship Amount Will you be applying for a grant or a student loan? Yes No

Yes

No

List any specific reasons why you need financial assistance:

If Yes, list number attending._____

Will you have any siblings attending college at the same time as you?

RECORD OF VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW, 4-H, FFA

Number of years of Victoria Livestock Show participation

	Year	Activity	Results
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Number of years enrolled in 4-H:_	Name of Club:
Number of years enrolled in FFA:	Name of Club:
What contributions have YOU	(not your parents) made to the
Victoria Livestock Show?	_

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Attach a one page personal narrative about yourself, education and life goals.

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this Application. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

If selected to receive a Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship, I understand that I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation, to enroll in a college or university within the State of Texas and to abide by the policies governing the Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Program.

I hereby authorize any person, firm, school or entity to release to the Victoria Livestock Show, or their authorized representatives, information concerning my current and future academic records and status (both high school and college), activities, honors and awards, citizenship, residency, and financial situation (specifically including all financial aid). If selected as a recipient, a copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm, school or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Victoria Livestock Show, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS the Victoria Livestock Show and with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Victoria Livestock Show or any other media.

The Victoria Livestock Show, Inc. may receive requests for copies of this application from other persons or entities for the purpose of granting scholarships. Please indicate whether or not you agree to the release of your application by checking one of the boxes below.

NO. I do not agree to the release of this scholarship to other persons or entities.			
_YES. I agree to the release of this scholarship to other pe	ersons or entities.		
	Date		
Candidate)			
	Date		
Parent or Guardian)			
	Date		
FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent)			

THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS WHO MEET ITS MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN AWARDING ITS SCHOLARSHIPS IN ANY WAY ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.