

# Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation

## 2008-2009 Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicant must be a Missouri resident and recommended by a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. (This letter may be included as one of the three (3) letters of recommendation.)
2. Applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters should be included with the application.
3. Applicant must not have previously received a full (\$1,000 or above) Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship.
4. Applicant must be a high school senior or a full-time college student and have a GPA of 2.5/4.0 or better. Applicant must have been a full time student (high school or college) the previous year and not have reached their 23rd birthday by January 1, 2009. Applicant must attend an accredited college or university to collect scholarship; technical schools do not qualify.
5. Applicant must submit the most recent available, high school or college transcript to Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation for proof of grade point average and enrollment. Transcript should be included with the application.
6. Applicant must demonstrate leadership potential through extracurricular activities and work experiences. Applicant must also demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
7. Preference may be given to students who plan to/are attending Missouri colleges and universities with their area of study in the field of agriculture and food production. Special preference may be given for areas of study related to beef production.
8. **Applications must be returned to the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation office and be postmarked by September 30, 2008 to be considered.**
9. Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship Committee will review applications and all applicants will be notified regarding the committee's decision by mail by November 1, 2008. Scholarship recipients will be honored during the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show, December 12-13, 2008 at the University Plaza Hotel/Springfield Expo Center, Springfield, Missouri.
10. Unless otherwise noted, all Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation scholarships (presented at the convention) will be \$1,000.
11. Scholarships will be payable during the calendar year 2009. To redeem scholarship, recipients must provide Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation with proof of college enrollment. Funds for scholarships will be sent directly to the recipients' institutions. In the event a recipient does not use all of the funding, the unused portion shall be returned to Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation.
12. All scholarship donor agreements presented to the MCF for approval must be consistent with the mission and policy of MCF. The MCF board may grant exceptions to these overall guidelines.

### **Note to applicants:**

- Please use the original form, as mailed or provided on the website – <http://www.mocattlemenfoundation.org/scholarships.htm>
- Use only the space provided. No additional pages should be added, except where specified (i.e. essay, transcript...). Resumes and/or extra pages will not be forwarded to the judges.
- Please mail application packet in an appropriate sized flat envelope and with appropriate postage.
- It is not necessary to staple, specially bind application materials or use special paper, color ink or graphics. Applications will be photocopied and provided to the selection committee in black and white.
- Applications will be scored using the following point system: Communication – 20 points; Leadership – 20 points; Community Involvement – 15 points; Agriculture Involvement – 15 points; Scholarship/Academic – 10 points; Financial Need – 10 points; and General Impression – 10 points.

# Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: September 30, 2008

Type or neatly print

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (if in college) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Background Information

### High School

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

College:    \_\_\_Applied    \_\_\_Accepted    \_\_\_Current student

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point \_\_\_\_\_

Are you working part-time?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No    Number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members (including yourself) in college \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate % of yearly college expenses your parents (will) provide \_\_\_\_\_

### Please limit answers to the available space

Describe your future goals and why you have chosen this field of study:

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Describe your agriculture involvement:

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Major high school or college/university activities in which you have participated (Please use ONLY the available space)

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF YEARS	LEADERSHIP ROLES

Major honors & special recognition:

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Briefly explain the extent of your financial need:

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Maximum 500 words : "***Why I should receive a scholarship from Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation***"

*Attach sheets as necessary.*

Application packet must include:

- completed and signed application
- three letters of reference, including at least one recommendation from a current member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association
- Name of MCA member providing recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
- Maximum 500 word essay describing "why you should receive a scholarship from Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation"
- current school transcript (college freshman, please submit final high school transcript)

The Scholarship Committee may not consider applications that are incomplete or lack the related documents for review.

Send application packet to:

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation  
Attn: Darla Eggers  
2306 Bluff Creek Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, Missouri 65201

**Applications postmarked after September 30, 2008 will not be accepted**

**Acknowledgement**

I hereby acknowledge that the Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation may use my name in public press releases in the event I am awarded a scholarship as a result of this application.

**Applicant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

***Mission Statement***

*The purpose of MCF is to promote the educational development of youth through scholarships; encourage farm safety awareness; support children with special needs in the state of Missouri; and to enhance the leadership development of future generations of cattlemen and women.*