



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Milt Bradford

Heritage of Ranching/ Agriculture Memorial Scholarship

Presented by the National Youth Cutting Horse Association

Purpose: The purpose of the Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/ Agriculture Memorial Scholarship is to assist students seeking to further their education. Special consideration is given to those with studies focused in the areas of ranching heritage and/ or agriculture.

Five (5) - three thousand (\$3,000.00) scholarships will be awarded at the 2026 NYCHA Banquet which caps off Youth Week during the 2026 NCHA Great American Insurance Group Summer Cutting Spectacular at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Recipients will be notified prior to the banquet.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- 1. Be student attending/planning to attend college in the Fall of 2026.**
 - a. High school seniors or college students pursuing an accredited two or four-year degree or trade school with an emphasis in continuing Heritage of Ranching or Agriculture.
- 2. Be accepted by any accredited, state supported college, university, community college, or trade school nationwide.**
 - a. Proof of enrollment **must** be included in your application package.
- 3. Be a NCHA Member in good standing.**
- 4. Applicants (including those who have previously been awarded the scholarship) are welcome to apply annually.**

Applicants will be selected on the following criteria.

1. Academic Accomplishment

May include but is not limited to, grades, awards, recognition in school, etc.

- a. Minimum current 3.0 GPA (**REQUIRED**)

2. Extracurricular Activities

May include but is not limited to, sports, church activities, volunteer work, etc.

3. Leadership Activities

May include but is not limited to, student government, 4-H, FFA, etc.

4. Special consideration will be given to applicants pursuing ranching/agricultural areas of focus.

Course examples: agronomy, animal science and nutrition, horticulture, sustainable agriculture, agriculture education and extension, agriculture business or finance, agriculture economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural mechanics, agricultural development, animal breeding and genetics, veterinary sciences, etc.

5. Essay

Please write a short essay, no more than 250 words, explaining how your college education will help you achieve your career objectives and personal goals related to Ranching & Agriculture. If you a returning applicant who has previously been awarded a Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/Agriculture Memorial Scholarship, please use your essay to share how the scholarship aided in your pursuit of higher education.

Applications must include **all** the following to be considered:

- ◆ Complete Application & Signed Scholarship Agreement
- ◆ Essay (must be typed, 1.5 spaced, 12 font)
- ◆ Applicant's academic transcript. **(Minimum 3.0 GPA required)**
- ◆ Applicants already attending college, university, community college or trade school must include proof of enrollment for the coming semester. Applicants who are graduating high school seniors must include a copy of your acceptance letter from the college, university, community college or trade school that you will be attending and proof of enrollment (if already enrolled).
- ◆ Current and accurate contact information.
- ◆ Signatures where indicated on the application.
- ◆ Applications are due by June 1, 2026.

All applications must be emailed or received and postmarked by midnight June 1, 2026, CST.

Mailing address:

NCHA Foundation
Attn: Julia Buswold
260 Bailey Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Email Address:

jbuswold@nchacutting.com

Personal Information

Applicant name

Applicant NCHA Member #

Applicant email address

Applicant phone #

High School or College/Trade School you are currently attending

Current or planned course of study

College/Trade School you have been accepted to (include copy of acceptance letter)

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Check one)

YES

NO

Father's Name: _____ **Phone#** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Phone#** _____

Address: _____ (if different from above)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Step-parent or Guardian Name (if different from above): _____ **Phone#** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Personal Information (continued)

Involvement/ Achievements

Extracurricular Activities - Please include clubs, sports, and student associations.

Talents/ Awards/ Honors:

Leadership Activities:

Community Involvement:

ESSAY:

Please attach a short essay, no more than 250 words, explaining how your college education will help you achieve your career objectives and personal goals. (Typed, 1.5 spaced, 12 Font)



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NYCHA Scholarship Agreement

I will ensure the Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/Agriculture Memorial Scholarship has the correct name and address of the college, university, community college, or trade school that I will be attending Fall 2026.

I will be a full-time student, as defined by my educational institution.

I will attend an accredited state-supported college, university, community college or trade school.

I will keep a 3.0 GPA to be determined at the semester end.

I authorize the Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Committee to use any information (with exception of financial information) that the Committee obtains or receives as a part of the scholarship program, for any reason, including but not limited to, public relations announcements.

I will keep the Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Committee informed of my current home and school addresses and contact information.

I will practice good behavior and avoid any disciplinary action by any educational, law enforcement or affiliated agency.

I understand that the Milt Bradford Heritage of Ranching/Agriculture Memorial Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request additional information or materials needed from me regarding the scholarship provided.

I understand that my failure to complete any of the above requirements may result in the withdrawal of my scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant Printed Name

Scholarships will be held under the student's name at the NCHA Foundation until the student is ready to utilize their available scholarship funds. All scholarship payment requests must be made via the on-line portal, located on the "Scholarship" page of the NCHA Foundation web page. All scholarship payouts will be made directly to the educational institution of choice. Students have until their 25th birthday to utilize awarded scholarship funds. Upon age-out, any unutilized scholarship funds will roll back into the general scholarship fund for future scholarships awarded by the NCHA Foundation. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact the NCHA Foundation at scholarships@nchafoundation.org.