The Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation

2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: December 17th, 2026 (must be in the MCA office)

The Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation (MCF) is pleased to sponsor this scholarship to students whose family, parent or grandparent is a member in good standing of MCA.

The scholarship is offered to those who are enrolled in any college, university, or high school senior planning to attend a school of higher learning or trade college, with preference given to those attending a Mississippi school. Previous scholarship winners are eligible to apply in subsequent years but preference will be given to new applicants. This scholarship was made possible by the sale of the cattlemen's car tag and contributions to the Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation, which sponsors educational programs and provides scholarships.

**Special note: If you receive a scholarship we ask that you or a family member help work the Cattlemen's Beef Barn for one 6 hour shift during the State Fair or Dixie National.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or hand write neatly)

Full Name:_____

Date of Birth:_____ Current or Former MJCA Member? ❑Yes ❑No

Parent's Names:_____

Parent /Grandparents that are a MCA Member: _____ MCA number: _____

Campus Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Telephone (that we can reach you) _____ Email:_____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Please check one)

❑High School, Senior ❑College Freshman ❑ College Sophomore ❑ College Junior ❑College Senior

A.C.T. Score: _____ Major: _____Cumulative G.P.A._____

Schools Attended

High School _____ *Graduation Date* _____ *GPA* _____

Junior Colleges _____*Attended:* _____*GPA*_____

*Universities*_____*Attended:* _____*GPA*_____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type on separate paper, please not over 4 pages)

• Please list any scholarships you have or will receive (donor, amount, years)

• Brief description for paying for your college education: (scholarships, parental assistance, work study, personal income, etc.) and ***why you should receive a scholarship from the Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation.***

• Scholastic Honors/Awards

• Livestock Background/Participation in agriculture activities

• Livestock Awards

• Memberships with other organizations and awards
• Mississippi Junior Cattlemen's Association participation
• 4-H/FFA Activities/Awards
• Community Involvement /Volunteer Work
• Work History: (Company, Hours worked, Has it helped you to reach your career goals, etc.)

ESSAY

Please attach a typed essay of **500–750 words** addressing the following:

Describe how your involvement in the beef cattle industry and/or the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association or Mississippi Junior Cattlemen's Association has shaped your values, work ethic, and future goals. Explain how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your educational aspirations and how you hope to give back to your community, the cattle industry, or agriculture in the future, regardless of the career path you choose.

❑ Obtain a letter of reference (must be from an agriculture industry professional).

❑ Include a current transcript (can be spring semester) - You **MUST** include a transcript.

Acknowledgement

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

Applicant's Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Parent Signature:_____**Date:**_____

Applications must be signed!

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

Applications returned to the MCA office after December 17, 2026 will not be accepted

Mail or Physically Deliver Application To:
Mississippi Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship • 680 Monroe Street, Suite A • Jackson, MS 39202



Scholarships are made possible through the Cattlemen's Foundation Car Tag.
We encourage you to purchase a tag to support the scholarship program.