

National Livestock Scholarship Application
Information and Eligibility Requirements
Awards paid beginning Fall 2020

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements
Required of ALL applicants (general and veterinary)

- 1) Must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited University.
- 2) Must maintain full-time status.
- 3) Must be planning to pursue a degree program in agriculture or an agricultural related program.
- 4) Applicant or their family must be a customer of the National Livestock companies **- or -** be recommended by a customer of the National Livestock Companies – See Recommendation Requirements (Sponsor Recommendation) below.
- 5) GPA of 2.75 or greater.

Academic Documentation
Required of ALL applicants (general and veterinary)

- Submit a completed application (located on website)
- Demonstrate financial need (income question on page 2 of application).
- Provide official transcripts.

Recommendation Requirements
Required of ALL general scholarship applicants

- 1) **Academic and Community Recommendations:** Provide *two* recommendations. One academic and one community (*see Sponsor exception- #2 below*). Forms are located on website.
 - **Academic** recommendation (teacher, professor, dean, academic mentor, faculty, advisor etc.)
 - **Community** recommendation (pastor, overseer of volunteer work, beneficiary of community work you may have done, employer – someone who can speak to your character and contributions within your community, outside of academia)
- 2) **Sponsor Recommendations: Required of applicants,** who they themselves or their family are ***not*** customers of the National Livestock and Companies, and are being referred and recommended to the Scholarship Program by a National Livestock and Companies customer. The Sponsor recommendation will satisfy *one* of the *two* recommendations required.
 - A Recommendation Form must be completed by the Sponsor and will be considered a community recommendation.
 - An academic recommendation must also be obtained.

2020 Essay

Required of ALL Applicants (General and Veterinary)

Topic:

According to the most recent survey conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, the average age of the US Farmer/Rancher is 57.5 years. For existing ranchers, the last several years have been very challenging financially.

Suggested discussions:

- Discuss ways (if any) that your family has addressed issues of succession planning in their operations.
- In your opinion, what are the barriers of entry into the cattle business for young producers?
- Discuss ideas where a company like National Livestock could assist younger producers with a start in the cattle business.
- What other options/resources are available that can be of benefit to young producers?
 - Feel free to address any other areas you feel are appropriate.
 - Essay requirement is 1,000-word minimum typed.

Additional Documentation - Photo

Required of ALL applicants (general and veterinary)

- Provide a recent professional photo, 3x3 or larger with your application.
- Photo release completed by applicant.

General Awards

- \$2,000 per year, one-half applied to each semester; Fall 2020 / Spring 2021.
- This is a one-year scholarship; students are encouraged to reapply annually.
- **Past award recipients are *not* guaranteed future awards.**

DEADLINE for Applying

Applications, recommendations, essay and transcripts Must Be Postmarked No Later than January 31, 2020.

Any applicant documentation Not Postmarked by January 31, 2020, will be disqualified.

Students pursuing a degree in a Veterinary Medicine

Additional Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Must be nearing completion (**committee to decide definition** of “nearing completion”) of a veterinary degree plan and planning to practice large animal veterinary medicine upon graduation.
- 2) Must be highly likely to practice large animal veterinary medicine upon graduation.

Additional Academic Documentation

- Attach a brief essay (maximum one page typed) telling us about yourself, why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship, and explain the importance of your major in today’s society.

Additional Recommendation Requirement

- Recommendation forms: provide two academic and one community.
- **Academic** recommendations (teacher, professor, dean, academic mentor, faculty, advisor etc.)
- **Community** recommendation (pastor, overseer of volunteer work, beneficiary of community work you may have done, employer – someone who can speak to your character and contributions within your community, outside of academia)
- **If you or your family are *not* a customer of the National Livestock companies, a sponsor referral and recommendation by a customer of the National Livestock companies is required. A Recommendation Form must be completed by the sponsor and will be considered a community recommendation.**

Veterinary Medicine Awards

- Awards are \$5,000 per year, one-half applied to each semester; Fall 2020/Spring 2021.
- This is a one-year scholarship; students may reapply annually.
- **Students awarded previously are *not* guaranteed future awards.**

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How to Apply

1) Website: www.nationallivestock.com / Home page see bottom right of page.

- Application must be downloaded and completed.
- Recommendation forms – must be downloaded and completed.
- Mail documents to: National Livestock Credit Corp.
Attn: Debbie
2501 Exchange Ave. #103
Oklahoma City, OK. 73108

Questions

2) Call or email National Livestock Credit Corp:

- 800-310-0220
- 405-235-9887
- Ask for Debbie Wedel

Email: dwedel@nationallivestock.com