

National Livestock Scholarship Application  
Information and Eligibility Requirements  
Awards paid beginning Fall 2021

**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.

## **2021 Essay**

### **Required of ALL Applicants (General and Veterinary)**

#### **Topic:**

**The National Livestock Companies were first established in 1931. Our mission was clear from day 1, to create competitive and fair markets where cattle producers could market their livestock and provide dependable credit to ranchers through good times and bad. The National Livestock Companies also contribute to our communities through our Scholarship Program. We intend to invest in young men and women who have a desire to make an impact in their family's cattle operation and in their local, state and/or national livestock community. For this year's essay, we would like to learn about your plans to be involved in cattle production both during and after your college education.**

#### **Topics to discuss:**

- Tell us about your involvement in your family's cattle operation.
- If your family is not involved in cattle production, tell us what led you to pursue a degree in agriculture.
- If you are already invested in your own cattle operation, please discuss your operation with us and explain why you chose to invest in cattle.
- What are your plans for one year, five years and ten years after college graduation?
- What involvement do you currently have in cattle related organizations such as local or state cattlemen's associations, breed associations, or leadership groups and why did you choose to get involved? Do you see your involvement in these groups changing after college graduation?
- Our scholarship program is limited in funding and we want to invest in students that will not only make an impact within their family operation, but also make an impact in their local and possibly state or national cattle communities. In your opinion, what qualities set you apart as a student who will invest time and talent back in your local, regional, state, or national cattle communities?
  - 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 2021 / Spring 2022.
- 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, 2021.**

Any applicant documentation Not Postmarked by January 31, 2021 will be disqualified.

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### **📌 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 2021/Spring 2022.
- This is a one-year scholarship; students may reapply annually.
- **Students awarded previously are *not* guaranteed future awards.**

### **DEADLINE for Applying**

**Applications, recommendations, essay(s) and transcripts Must Be Postmarked No Later than January 31, 2021.**

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### How to Apply

- 1) Website: [www.nationallivestock.com](http://www.nationallivestock.com) / Home page, About Tab, see bottom center 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](mailto:dwedel@nationallivestock.com)