

National Livestock Scholarship Application
Information and Eligibility Requirements
Awards paid beginning Fall 2022

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.

2022 Essay

Required of ALL Applicants (General and Veterinary)

Topic:

If you read many publications about the cattle business, you discover a hot topic of conversation is the “price discovery” of cattle. That in simple terms means, how is the price or value of beef cattle determined and how are producers to know and understand what the cattle they raise are worth?

For calves or feeder cattle, the solution is quite simple. Each week USDA utilizes market reporters to report on prices paid at hundreds of auctions across the United States. Calves and feeder cattle normally either sell on forward contracts or on the spot market in an auction or in direct trade.

Beef cattle in the feedlot setting are a little different animal, no pun intended. There are very few “fat cattle” or “live cattle” that are auctioned weekly. Cattle can be forward contracted to packers, and many are in agreements referred to as alternative marketing arrangements. Many cattle still sell weekly on what is referred to as the spot market or cash market.

Most publications don’t express concern with price discovery of calves or feeder cattle. However, it is hotly debated in the United States about price discovery for live cattle in the feedyard setting.

- Study the current system as it stands.
 - Review proposed legislation being discussed in Congress that would alter the methods of cattle procurement in the future.
 - Express your opinion about our current price discovery system for live cattle.
 - Is our current process working and does it properly reflect true market value?
 - Are there ways the system can be or should be improved?
 - Are there roles that cattle producers can play to increase the value of their cattle being harvested from commercial feedyards?
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- 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 2022 / Spring 2023.
- 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, 2022.**

Any applicant documentation Not Postmarked by **January 31, 2022** 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 2022/Spring 2023.
- 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, 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