

**National Livestock Scholarship Application
Information and Eligibility Requirements
Awards paid beginning Fall 2026**

NOTICE: ALL COMPLETED FORMS THAT INCLUDE THE APPLICATION, ESSAY, PHOTO RELEASE, AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION FORMS) MUST BE EMAILED TO DEBBIE AT dwedel@nationallivestock.com by Midnight January 31, 2026

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) Applicants 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 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.

2026 Essay

Required of ALL Applicants (General and Veterinary)

Topic: “VITAL ROLE OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY”

The beef cattle industry plays a vital role in food production, rural economies, land stewardship, and sustainability. Describe how your experiences, values, or education have shaped your interest in the beef cattle industry. Discuss a challenge or opportunity currently facing the industry and explain how you see yourself contributing to its future through your education, career goals, or leadership.

Additionally, identify one issue or innovation you believe will significantly shape the future of the beef cattle industry. Explain why it matters and how education, research, or leadership can help address it.

Finally, describe what the beef cattle industry means to you personally and how you plan to honor and advance those values in your future education or career.

- Feel free to address any other areas you feel are appropriate.
- Essay requirement is 1,000-word minimum typed.
- **Please make sure your name is on your essay.**

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

- Up to \$2,000 per year, one-half applied to each semester; Fall 2026 / Spring 2027.
- 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, essays, photo releases, and official transcripts must be submitted by email to dwedel@nationallivestock.com no later than midnight

January 31, 2026.

If you do not receive confirmation of your sent email, please call the office at 405-235-9887 and ask for Debbie.

Any applicant documentation not received by midnight **January 31, 2026** 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.
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- **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 up to \$5,000 per year, one-half applied to each semester; Fall 2026/Spring 2027.
- 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 / Scholarships
 - **Application, essay, photo release, and official transcript must be downloaded and completed and emailed to**

dwedel@nationallivestock.com OK to have your University email your official transcript to Debbie.

- **Recommendation forms – must be downloaded and completed and can be mailed to:**

- **National Livestock Credit Corp.**

Attn: Debbie

2501 Exchange Ave. #103 Oklahoma

City, OK. 73108,

Or emailed to dwedel@nationallivestock.com

Questions

2) Call or email National Livestock Credit Corp:

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

Email: dwedel@nationallivestock.com