



Ontario High School Rodeo Association

Scholarship Application Package 2015-2016

Dear Graduating Member,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from High School. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and would like to help you in achieving some of your goals.

A scholarship can assist you in paying for some of the costs of post-secondary education. Please complete all of the paperwork in this package. If you would like to add additional letters of reference, or would like to go into greater detail than space would allow, please feel free to add anything to this package that you feel would give a better understanding of your personal position and /or your goals.

1. OHSRA SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available through the OHSRA and can be applied for through this package.

1. Points Scholarship Program. Every student who is a competing member and competes in the High School Rodeos is automatically enrolled in the Points Scholarship Program. Points are earned by placings in a rodeo (10 points to win an event in a rodeo and so on down to 1 point available for 10th placing in an event in rodeo). These points are accumulated and carry over year to year, until the student graduates. The student must still fill out this scholarship application form to access the money earned in the points scholarship program. Every point has a \$1.00 value.

Criteria:

1. Attending full-time post-secondary application. (If not full-time please submit explanation.)
2. Members have 2 years from the time they cease being an OHSRA member to start using their funds.
3. Must maintain their OHSRA membership in good standing.
4. Must supply receipts for expenses ie. Tuition, books, residency etc.
5. Final approval must be obtained by the Board.
6. Must submit a 500 word essay describing:
“What has high school rodeo meant to you? What have you contributed to the OHSRA? What are your goals?”
7. Deadline: May 1, 2016 – applications to
Vicki Pilkington, OHSRA Secretary, 23319 Springfield Road, Appin, ON N0L 1A0 or
email to pilkingtonfamily@execulink.com
8. Interview with a minimum of 2 scholarship committee members
9. Reference Letters – Applicant must include a reference letters. Letter(s) must be written by adults who are at least 21 years of age and not the applicant’s legal guardian or

relative. Each reference must state how he or she knows the applicant and for how long. The title or relationship of reference to applicant must be stated on the application (ie. Teacher, employer, friend of the family, trainer etc.) They should have specific personal knowledge of the applicant's activities and be able to validate them. OHSRA reserves the right to contact all references in connection with the applicant and information in their applications.

10. Must supply receipts for expenses ie. Tuition, books, residency etc.

11. The applicant must use the funds within 2 years of application.

2. NHSRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many scholarships available to NHSFR competitors who are competing at the finals through the various tournaments etc as well as winners at the NHSFR. There are also scholarships specifically available to those who are in their final year of high school. Application forms for these Foundation scholarships are printed in the Times magazine in the spring issues and or on the NHSRA website. It is the responsibility of the student to apply directly for these and to provide the necessary documents (school transcripts, letters of recommendation etc) that these require. The interviews for these scholarships are done during the NHSRF and you will be notified of your scholarship award before the finals are over. Students who submit documentation that they have been accepted into specialized fields may find that there are additional scholarship opportunities provided by those fields, such as Veterinary Medicine, etc. There are also scholarships based on your area of competition, such as bull riding, etc. Please be as specific as possible about your goals when applying for these and other scholarships. If you are planning on waiting for a year after high school before continuing your education, you must still apply in your last year of high school and you can note on your application that you are postponing your education for a year. (Please be sure to give your reason)

Criteria: Please see the Times magazine for further details.