

The Dude Ranchers' Association Educational Trust Scholarship Program

General Purpose Statement:

Our goal is to support Dude Ranching and the future of Dude Ranching by providing financial assistance and encouragement to students pursuing an educational program that will lead to a career of benefit to them and the Dude Ranch industry.

Enrollment in a traditional four year college is not necessary. Our granting of scholarships is broad and flexible including study in fields such as business, entertainment, veterinary, culinary, farrier, etc.

Essay Requirements:

- In your essay please explain why you are interested in and why you qualify for this scholarship.
- Please comment on how the scholarship will impact your life and your financial need.
- Please give examples of your life experiences that demonstrate the quality of your character.

References: Please include the below reference guidelines when requesting a reference letter.

In your letter of reference for this applicant for the DRA Educational Trust Scholarship please tell us:

- How you know the applicant.
- Why you think this applicant should receive this scholarship?
- What impact you think this scholarship would have on the applicant's life.
- Discuss the quality of the applicant's character.
- If you think the applicant has a financial need for the scholarship.



THE DUDE RANCHERS' EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Scholarship Application for School Year 2012-2013

Application must be postmarked by **March 15, 2012.**

Name _____ SS No. _____ Date _____

Home Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Marital Status _____

Your address while at school _____

Your Phone while at school _____

Student ID Number _____

Name and Address of School you will attend _____

Explain how the degree or certificate you will receive from this school will help you enter into a career in Dude Ranching _____

Are you currently enrolled/accepted for enrollment at this school? Yes ____ No ____

Major _____

List all other colleges you have attended and reasons for leaving _____

Please give the name and address of persons whom you will use as references. **Have them send their comments directly to The Dude Ranchers' Educational Trust. Must be postmarked by April 15, 2012**

Personal Reference (Someone who has known you at least two years)

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Phone _____

College Reference (A current or former instructor)

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Employer Reference

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Have you applied/do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes _____ No _____ Financial need will be considered in the selection of the scholarship recipients.

List other scholarships you are currently receiving: _____

What percentage of your tuition are you currently paying? _____

Will you be working while you are going to school? Yes _____ No _____

Will you agree to actively pursue and take a job on a Dude Ranchers' Association member ranch or at the DRA office for every year that you apply and receive this scholarship? Yes _____ No _____. If no, explain _____

_____ This will be considered in the selection of the scholarship recipients.

If you have had previous experience working on a dude ranch, give ranch name, location and dates:

If you have a detriment to physical work or long work days, please explain _____

***** **APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS** *****

1. The applicant must have a tie to dude ranching, be a US or Canadian citizen, must be a full time student. (For example; minimum 12 semester hours for someone taking a 4 year bachelors degree). The applicant must have completed at least 20% of the course required credits for the degree or certification. This degree or certification should be beneficial to the dude ranch industry.
2. All applications must be submitted to The Dude Ranchers' Educational Trust office, postmarked by **March 15, 2012** for the 2012/2013 funds. A current transcript must accompany the application. **Applications postmarked after March 15, 2012 will not be considered.**
3. An essay of several paragraphs on why you have an interest in a dude ranch career or employment on a dude ranch, what you expect to gain from dude ranch employment and your goals for the future must accompany the application. Please use a separate sheet.
4. A personal telephone interview is required. Please include the phone number where you can be reached for an interview.
5. It is the duty of the applicant/recipient to submit his or her grades at the end of each semester or quarter. A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 is preferred to obtain and maintain the scholarship.
6. Each recipient is required to work on a Dude Ranchers' Association member ranch or the DRA office the season before the receipt of each scholarship they are applying for.
7. The scholarship will only be granted to students attending a fully accredited school that gives a degree or certificate that could lead to a career in the Dude Ranching Industry.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____