

KLEBERG-KENEDY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL

RESPONSIBILITY

The KKJLS Association Board of Directors has the responsibility to appoint a Scholarship Selection Committee Chair and the committee chair has the responsibility for implementation of the scholarship program. The Scholarship Selection Committee Chair's responsibilities include the development and distribution of application forms and other printed information, handling applications, appointment of a selection committee, approving payment, scheduling selection committee meetings and verifying eligibility, publicity and all other tasks necessary. The Board of Directors and the show office shall help the Scholarship Selection Committee Chair in verifying eligibility of the applicants and in publicizing the KKJLS Scholarship program and its recipients.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be enrolled and actively participating in 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA at the time the application is submitted or an "early graduate", and
2. Applicant must be a high school senior or an "early graduate" or a graduate for the current year that resides in Kleberg or Kenedy Counties,
3. Applicant must plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational school.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Selection Committee Chair will appoint persons to the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of members of the association who will all be members in good standing of the KKJLS Association. Any person who is related to a scholarship applicant or feels that there may be a conflict of interest with any of the applicants will be ineligible for this committee for that review period.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

All qualified scholarship applications will be submitted to the scholarship selection committee for their review. Criteria for selection of the most deserving applicants will be as follows:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
Scholastic Ability	30
Leadership & Youth Organization Involvement	30
Participation in County Stock Shows	30
Essay on Career Plans and Goals	<u>10</u>
	100

The committee has the option of contacting the organizational advisor of each finalist if additional references or input is needed.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship recipients must enroll in the first long semester following high school graduation. Four (4) academic and one (1) vocational scholarship may be awarded each year providing qualified applicants are available. If there are no vocational scholarship applications the selection committee may award five (5) academic scholarships. The scholarship will be paid in equal installments of \$750 per semester for the academic scholarships and \$500 per semester for the vocational scholarship. The academic scholarship will be renewable for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years for recipients pursuing academic studies toward a Degree, or a maximum of two (2) consecutive years for recipients pursuing vocational studies at an accredited vocational institution. Vocational scholarship recipients must ATTEND an accredited vocational institution. The Scholarship Selection Committee must submit a list of selected applicants for approval by the Board of Directors to the Show Office on or Postmarked by January 5th.

The KKJLS Association board of directors shall appoint a Scholarship Review Committee, whenever it deems necessary, to review that scholarship program to determine if sufficient financial resources or other pertinent factors exist to change the amount and number of scholarships that will be granted. The Review Committee will make recommendations to the board of directors who will implement any appropriate changes.

SCHOLARSHIP MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

4. Recipient must enroll and complete the semester as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours) in accordance with the policies of the institution they are attending. Scholarship distribution will not be paid for summer or short semesters.

Exceptions to full time student status:

- Fewer than 12 hours remaining for an undergraduate student to complete degree requirements in the final semester before graduation will be an exception to “full time” status.
5. If a recipient completes his/her bachelor degree program before the completion of the 4 year scholarship, the remaining semesters of the scholarship will be allowed to transfer to a master’s degree (or a degree of higher education) as long as the recipient enrolls immediately into the next phase of education without interruption in enrollment. Scholarship distribution will not be paid for summer or short semesters.
 6. Recipient must maintain a minimum institutional cumulative 2.75 GPA. Some major universities participate in a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership with a community college (e.g. Texas A&M Blinn Team). The cumulative GPA of the applicable long semesters of the community college will be combined with the cumulative GPA of the major university to determine the institutional cumulative GPA while the student is attending both colleges. Once the student transfers to attending only the major university, only the cumulative GPA of the major university will be considered.
 7. Any recipient of the scholarship who fails to meet the above requirements will be subject to a one time one-semester probation for the life of the scholarship. During the one-semester probation, no scholarship funds will be distributed. If the requirements are not met after the one-semester probation, the recipient will then forfeit any further benefits from the scholarship program.
 8. The following documentation must be postmarked, emailed, or form completion on the KKJLS website (attach documents to form) to the Association Show Office within 7 days of the first day of class:
 - An Official transcript(s)*. If participating in co-enrollment partnership with a community college provide both official transcripts.
 - (1) request the university to email the transcript to the KKJLS email (KKJLS@yahoo.com). The university will either send an email directly or contract a 3rd party company to send an email. We then follow a process to retrieve your transcript. From the universities that we have communicated with so far, the transcripts are not directly emailed to us. This is still an efficient process.
 - (2) request the university to mail the transcript to KKJLS by the postal service. KKJLS at P.O. Box 628, Kingsville, Texas 78364.
 - (3) request the university to mail the transcript to you and you can hand-deliver the transcript to the Show Office. If you choose this method, the transcript must be in a sealed envelope from the university and the seal cannot be broken.
 - Class Schedule demonstrating a minimum of 12 credit hours.
 - Name and address of the institution to receive the scholarship check.
 - Student ID.

Failure to provide the above documentation within the required time period will result in forfeiture of all remaining scholarship benefits.

* First semester recipients are not required to submit an official transcript.

9. Once all of the requirements have been satisfied for the semester as detailed above, payment from the KKJLS Academic/Vocational Scholarship will be made to the university or vocational school that the recipient is attending in the recipient's name.

FUNDING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The KKJLS Academic/Vocational Scholarship Program shall receive funds each year by the following processes:

10. Any donations designated to the KKJLS Scholarship fund by any donors at any time.
11. Each year, the Net profit of the fiscal year will be calculated and 50% of this profit will be transferred to the KKJLS Academic/Vocational Scholarship fund.

DISPUTES

All complaints concerning scholarship administration will be directed to the KKJLS Board of Directors for consideration.

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