

TEXAS PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

*Scholarship*

INFORMATION PACKET

## TPPA Scholarship Dates and Deadlines

- **November 1 to January 1- “Scholars of Honor”** scholarship applications are open.
- **January 15th- Scholars of Honor”** scholarship recipients will be notified.
  - Applicants will receive their scholarship before the Gilts of Distinction Sale at the Texas Elite Showcase. Applicants must be present to receive their scholarship.
  - For 2025, the Gilts of Distinction sale will be on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 8:30 PM
- **February 1 to April 1- Foundation Female Scholarship and Grant** applications are open.
- **April - Premier Exhibitor** scholarship recipients (based on points for the current year) will be notified.
- **April 30th - Foundation Female Scholarship and Grant** recipients will be notified.
  - Applicants will receive their scholarship at the Texas Pork Industry Awards Banquet.
- **August 1st - All scholarship recipients for the current year must complete the scholarship withdrawal form.**
  - **Premier Exhibitors** must wait to complete this form until they are an incoming college Freshman.
  - All scholarships will be sent to the student’s college or university directly during their first semester of college.

## Guidelines

### Premier Exhibitors of the Certified Texas Bred Registry Guidelines

- The Premier Exhibitors are determined by a points system. Points will be accounted for the top three CTBR barrows in each class for the State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin, as well as gilts at the Texas Elite Showcase.

### *Qualification and Selection*

- To qualify as a Premier Exhibitor, you must be in the Top 10 in terms of exhibitor points.
- All Premier Exhibitors will receive a scholarship in the amounts listed below: (\$11,000)
  - 1st - \$3,000
  - 2nd- \$2,500
  - 3rd - \$1,500
  - 4th - \$1,000
  - 5th through 10th - \$500
- This scholarship will only be given to Premier Exhibitors in 2025 and beyond. This scholarship can accumulate.

### Foundation Female Scholarship and Grant Guidelines

\$2,500 award

#### *Qualification*

- Be an active Texas FFA or 4-H member.
- Be a current graduating senior.
- Submit the most current TPPA Foundation Gilt Scholarship Application.
- Have exhibited CTBR barrows and/or gilts during their FFA or 4-H ***high school career.***
- Have applied, been accepted by, and will be attending a Texas college or university. Applicants who will be attending an out-of-state Junior College will be considered for selection. If selected, funds will only be awarded when the recipient provides the necessary documentation to the TPPA Office to support their enrollment in a Texas college or university.
- Have PQA+ or Quality Counts Certification.

#### *Selection*

- Applicants must apply online by April 1st of their senior year in high school.
- Recipients are selected by an outside panel of judges through a rubric system.
- Applicants will be notified no later than April 30th of their application status.
- Recipients must attend the Texas Pork Industry Conference to receive their award.

### Certified Texas Bred Registry Scholars of Honor Guidelines

#### *Qualification*

- Earn exhibitor points at either the State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin barrow shows, as well as the Texas Elite Showcase gilt show during your high school career.
- Must be a graduating senior of the application year.
- Obtain a 3.0 GPA

#### *Selection*

- Exhibitors must apply for the scholarship through our online system.
- The Director of Youth and Communications will use this information provided and correlate it with previous exhibitor points tabulated.
- For 2025, valid points will be tabulated from the State Fair of Texas 2021 to the State Fair of Texas 2024.
- The top percentage will be awarded scholarships.

Number of Applicants	Percentage of Scholarships Awarded
1-15	All students will receive a scholarship.
16-20	Top 75%
21-25	Top 60%
26-30	Top 50%
31-45	Top 45%
46-50	Top 35%
50 or more	Top 25%

### **Scholarship Withdrawal Guidelines**

- For all scholarships or grants (Premier Exhibitor, Foundation Female, and Scholars of Honor), scholarship funds will be paid in full during the first month of the student's first semester of college.
- All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's university or college.
- Below are specifics for each scholarship. Please take note of important dates and paperwork.
- **All documents must be submitted online through the scholarship withdrawal form.**

*\*\*\*Below are the documents to be submitted within the scholarship withdrawal form for each scholarship.\*\*\**

#### **Foundation Female Scholarship and Grant**

- Documents to be submitted before August 1:
- Two (2) thank you notes total (typed)
  - One (1) thank you note to the Foundation Female donor
  - One (1) thank you note to the CTBR committee & board of directors
  - Proof of Enrollment from college or university

#### **Certified Texas Bred "Scholars of Honor" Scholarship**

Documents to be submitted before August 1:

- Two (2) thank you notes total (typed)
  - One (1) thank you note to the Certified Texas Best Genetic Sale consignors (address as a whole)
  - One (1) thank you note to the CTBR committee & board of directors
- Proof of Enrollment from college or university

#### **Premier Exhibitors of the Certified Texas Bred Registry**

Documents to be submitted before August 1:

- Two (2) thank you notes total (typed)
  - One (1) thank you note to the scholarship donor
  - One (1) thank you note to the CTBR committee & board of directors
- Proof of Enrollment from college or university

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