

Wisconsin Hereford Association
Junior Scholarship Program – 2025

Scholarship program overview:

1. Only WJHA members shall be eligible for or receive scholarship funds from this program.
2. Eligible education programs shall be full-time 1, 2, 3, or 4 year “degree type” education program, which would result in a baccalaureate or “tech” degree. (This specifically includes courses such as one-year LPN or Automotive Tech degrees granted from the Wisconsin Technical College System.) The “college” need not be located in Wisconsin.
3. A member of the WJHA may apply for and receive this scholarship as long as they are a member of the WJHA and Wisconsin residents. (This is not restricted to just seniors in high school in anticipation of freshmen year in college.) Thus, an individual may apply in more than one year.
4. The WJHA and WHA has committed to a funding level of \$2400 per year. This will be divided evenly between the individuals selected. Three scholarships will be awarded.
 - a. An active WJHA member is able to win the scholarship a maximum of two times during their career.
 - b. If there is only one applicant, an individual is eligible to win a maximum award of \$800.
5. There shall be no gender differentiation among applicant or awardees.
6. Selection of awardees based on the following factors shall be done by a committee, which shall be appointed by the WJHA board. In recognition of the fact that flexibility in this situation is more valuable than pre-determined formulas, no required or suggested weighting of the following factors shall be provided the selection committee. The factors to be considered are:
 - a. Involvement in the WJHA and in Hereford activities. While life-long accomplishment shall be considered, recent activity level shall receive greater consideration
 - b. Leadership in both WJHA and other school/community organizations.
 - c. Community service
 - d. Grade point and other evidence of academic achievement
 - e. Job or other activities demonstrating effort to provide funding for educational plans
 - f. Economic need shall be considered, but is not established as the primary determinant
7. An additional scholarship is being offered in the memory of Marv Espenscheid who dedicated many hours of programming and service work to the agricultural youth of our state and youth involved in the Hereford / cattle industry. This scholarship is being offered to a WJHA member pursuing a career in the agricultural field. A scholarship of \$750 will be presented upon proof of enrollment in a higher learning institution. If you have previously won the WJHA scholarship, you are still eligible for the Espenscheid Scholarship.

The process shall include:

1. Applicant submitting the application and essay.
2. An interview of the applicant by the committee. The interview will take place the Saturday morning before the annual junior meeting. Award winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association.
3. Awards will be paid after completion of the Fall Semester with a certified transcript from the college documenting at least a 2.0 GPA for that semester. It is the responsibility of the award winner to provide the transcript to the junior advisor.

Application Deadline – **Email applications to BJ@wildcatcattle.com by **January 17, 2025****, – Please contact BJ Jones at 608-482-2961 or bj@wildcatcattle.com with questions.