

Apply for Spring Scholarships

Scholarships — this single word made a huge difference in my life. Receiving scholarships on the local, state and national levels for my involvement in the beef industry and other organizations has paid for most of my first two years of college. One organization from which I have been fortunate to receive scholarships is the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). If it weren't for the support of these organizations and their investment in me, I wouldn't be where I am now. I am eternally grateful for their dedication.

HYFA was established in 1989 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated exclusively to scholarship and educational support of youth in the Hereford cattle business. Over the years, HYFA has added to its mission, also providing opportunities

for leadership, education and research. However, the founding principles of HYFA have always been providing scholarships and creating opportunities for junior members to continue their education. Close to \$200,000 is awarded each year to deserving junior members.

HYFA is governed by a board of directors who are heavily involved in the Hereford breed and have a vested interest in educating youth, developing leadership and encouraging young people to return to production agriculture. HYFA encourages, recognizes and rewards the development of life skills and values in the next generation of leaders by providing education, scholarship and leadership opportunities for Hereford youth.

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Foundation, more than \$1.7 million has been given to Hereford juniors in the form of educational scholarships. The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members are the future of the Hereford breed, and it is exciting to see HYFA invest with faith that we will also give back.

All members of the NJHA are eligible to apply for and receive financial support from HYFA. Scholarships are presented annually in the spring and fall with presentations



Isaac Rhode, NJHA director

at the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo in July and at the American Hereford Association's Annual Meeting and Educational Forum in Kansas City, Mo., in October. Most of these awards

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share the namesake of the donor who has invested in HYFA or honor those who have left a legacy in the Hereford breed.

Applications for spring scholarships are due April 1. Mark your calendar and start working on your application now. All applications must be completed through the online Submittable

system, which can be accessed at HerefordYouthFoundation.org. **HW**



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