



Hallettsville Playday Association

Ann Mary Vaughn Williams Memorial Scholarship

Ann Mary Vaughn Williams was a constant supporter of the HPA. As a fifth generation cattle rancher, sharing the western lifestyle with the next generation of cowboys and cowgirls was close to her heart. Ann Mary supported the HPA with donations, volunteering her time and talents, and cheering on the contestants at HPA events. The Ann Mary Vaughn Williams Memorial Scholarship honors her memory by rewarding deserving young contestants that share her values of hard work, volunteerism, generosity and kindness.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship contestants must:

- Be a current HPA member in good standing
- Be enrolled in high school as a senior graduating the year of the HPA season end and be passing all classes
- Meet eligibility requirements for year-end awards as outlined in the HPA rulebook
- Complete and submit the scholarship application by the deadline

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by the HPA Scholarship Committee. In the event that an applicant is an immediate family member of a board member, that board member will not take part in the scholarship committee or final vote.

Criteria

Applicants will be scored based on the following criteria, as documented in the submitted application and observed at HPA events:

- Character (exhibiting good sportsmanship, kindness, and respect for fellow humans and animals)
- Extra-Curricular activities & memberships (church, civic, clubs)
- Community service and Volunteerism
 - Includes HPA work points. Applicants will earn 1 work point per event worked. Requirement for 50 work points during the series.
- Work experience
- Essay
- Letters of recommendation (3)

Presentation

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the HPA awards banquet. Proof of college enrollment will be required to receive the scholarship funds. The recipient's high school will be notified so that recognition can be given at the school's awards banquet.

Scholarship Availability

HPA will provide (3) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships are funded in part by monies raised by HPA as well as outside donations made specifically to the scholarship fund.