

# Application Form

## Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association

### Dallas Ward Memorial Scholarship

**Deadline: April 15 of each year**

This scholarship was established by Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. (CCCA) in 2000. Initial funding was provided by members of CCCA and the local business community. At the present time, scholarships are awarded in \$500 increments depending upon the number of qualifying applicants and availability of funds.



The scholarship is named in memory of Dallas Ward. Dallas was an exceptionally optimistic, talented, and caring young man. He competed in a variety of sports from age six through college, played the saxophone and oboe, and excelled as a student. Dallas was active in church and civic activities and demonstrated heart-felt compassion for all living things. His goal in life was to become a veterinarian. Dallas was actively pursuing at the time of his death. While a junior majoring in animal science at NC State University, Dallas was killed in a tragic automobile accident while driving home to Cleveland County. Dallas was the son of Grady & Barbara Ward, who raised Angus cattle in upper Cleveland County. Grady served as Association president during 1999-2000.

#### **Eligibility**

- Graduating seniors from any of the high schools in Cleveland County pursuing a baccalaureate or associate degree who have demonstrated a strong interest in beef cattle production.
- Priority will be given to applicants whose families are active CCCA members.
- Priority will be given to applicants who are pursuing a degree in agriculture with an emphasis in beef production.
- Previous winners may reapply and will be considered based on their academic merit and career plans.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Leadership and extracurricular activities
- Personal motivation and initiative
- Demonstrated interest in the beef industry
- Career goals
- Academic standing

## **Administration**

The scholarship is administered by the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors. Awards are sent directly to the recipient's college or university and are credited to their student account.

## **Instructions for completing an application:**

1. This application provides information which will be used by the CCCA Scholarship Committee in making the award. To assure that you will be considered for this scholarship, please complete (type or neatly print) this form and submit it to:

CCCA Scholarship Committee  
Attention: County Extension Director  
130 S. Post Road, Suite 1  
Shelby, NC 28152

2. For timely consideration, applications and all supporting documentation **must be received by April 15.**
3. Attach the following to the application:
  - A 1- to 2-page essay which includes a biographical statement including family situation, special interests and activities, and any other pertinent information about yourself. This essay should also describe your college goals and future career plans. You may also include any background information (including an optional statement of financial need) that would assist the Selection Committee in evaluating your application.
  - First-time applicants should include an official high school transcript with standardized test scores included.
  - Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, civic, and/or faith community leaders (one letter must be written by a member of the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association).

**Note:** College students reapplying for the award do not have to complete the application form. Instead, write a brief letter of interest that provides the Scholarship Committee with an update on your educational goals and career plans and enclose an official college transcript.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School, College or University Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Class, Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for admission to an accredited college or university?  Yes  No

If you have applied, then for which school and curriculum of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted for admission?  Yes  No

Have you applied for financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA?)  Yes  No

If you are receiving other scholarship awards for the upcoming academic year, please indicate the name and amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



If you or your family derives income from farming, please indicate:

Percent of total net income derived from farming: \_\_\_\_\_%

Nature of farming activity (crops & animals produced): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The nature and degree of your involvement in this farming operation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your family an active member of CCCA?  Yes  No

Their name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list beef-related projects or activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:**

Please attach two letters of recommendation (one should be from a member of the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association).

**Affirmation Statement**

All information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful. It is my understanding that to receive the scholarship, I must be in good standing with my school. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I authorize the CCCA Scholarship Committee to access my academic and disciplinary records for use in the scholarship decision-making process.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Check List:**

- Essay attached:  Yes  No
- References attached:  Yes  No
- Signed and dated the Affirmation Statement:  Yes  No
- Dated the cover sheet and removed it for your records:  Yes  No