Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

Application Due Date: April 1, 2026

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ D.O.B.: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' Name: _____

Please fill out the information requested on the following pages as completely and accurately as possible. This cover page will be removed from your application before your application is evaluated by the Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Committee.

Each year it is the desire of the Polk County Cattlewomen's Association to award one or more scholarships based on available funding, qualifications and need of applicants. These scholarships may be of various amounts and evaluated for annual renewal based on the student's educational progress. The scholarship is scheduled to commence in the fall following the student's graduation from high school and is to be used in consecutive years, if renewable. Checks are issued directly to the registrar's office, one payment per semester, upon receipt of proof of enrollment in a college or technical training program.

This application may be used for any of the scholarships which are available through the Polk County Cattlewomen's Association for graduating seniors enrolled in Polk County, FL public and private high schools or home education program. Preference will be given to students who have excelled in the promotion and production of the beef cattle industry during their high school years.

2026 Polk County Cattlewomen's Academic Scholarship - $2,000.00 Total, payable in (4) $500.00 payments (one payment per semester), paid directly to your enrolled school's registrar office. The recipient of this scholarship will be an individual who has a minimum of a 3.2 Cumulative High School GPA. You will be required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 while in college. Preference will be given to students who have excelled in the promotion and production of the beef cattle industry during their high school years.

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements:

- *Graduating Polk County, FL seniors enrolled in a post secondary institution in Fall 2026. Provide proof of enrollment to the Polk County Cattlewomen's Association by August 15, 2026.*

- *You are required to provide a copy of your high school transcript when submitting this scholarship application.*

- *Must take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and successfully complete 24 credit hours per year.*

- *You will be required to show a copy of your college grades (a print-out showing grades and credit hours earned for the past semester that includes your name, school name and student identification) before your next scholarship payment is paid to your school's registrar office.*

- *Under special circumstances, a student may request a deferment to maintain the scholarship. A deferment period cannot be extended for more than 2 semesters unless unusual circumstances exist. Such requests will be reviewed and granted by the Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Committee.*

- *Your completed scholarship application must be postmarked by April 1, 2026 and mailed to the Polk County Cattlewomen's Association at the following address:*

Polk County Cattlewomen's Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1212
Bartow, Florida 33831

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

Scholarship Questions:

1. **Please list your current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) weighted and un-weighted and class rank at your high school. Please also tell us how many students are expected in your graduating class. (Please provide a copy of your high school transcript with your completed scholarship application).**

   Weighted GPA: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

   Name of High School Enrolled: _____

2. **Number of years as a member of a nationally affiliated youth organization (4-H, FFA) local youth organization (Polk Junior Cattlemen's Association, Florida Junior Cattlemen's Association) or Breed Association.**

3. **Please list any classes or career development events that you have participated in during your high school career that will prepare you for college and your career path (include years and level of participation).**

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

4. **List leadership activities through organizations such as 4-H, FFA and/or Polk County Jr. Cattleman's Association, Florida Jr. Cattleman's Association that you may have been actively involved with. Also list year and level of involvement. (i.e., club, chapter, district, state, etc.)**

5. **Please list any other leadership offices and/or committee responsibilities that you have held during your high school career. (List by year in school).**

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

6. **What type of agricultural projects have you participated in during your high school career? (Please list at what level you have participated: County, State, Regional and National).**

7. **What are your plans for continuing your formal education? Have you applied to any colleges and been accepted? If so, please list them below, and give details.**

8. **What are your career goals?**

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

9. **What skills and competencies have you gained by being involved in 4-H, FFA and/or the Polk County Jr. Cattleman's Association/Florida Jr. Cattleman's Association? Please give details.**

10. **Please list any public service and community service activities or organizations in which you currently participate. Describe your level of involvement.**

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

11. Please list any other information you think the scholarship committee should know.

Application # _____

Polk County Cattlewomen's Scholarship Application

12. **Please write a 2 page essay (typed and double spaced) and attach to this application regarding the importance of educating the public about Florida's Beef Industry.**

Application # _____