

# International Brangus Auxiliary



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY

**Note: If you are applying with the Red Brangus Association, you will need to use their application.**

### DEADLINES

**APRIL 1, 2024**

### INTERNATIONAL BRANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

#### HISTORY OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The International Brangus Auxiliary (IBA) made the first scholarship award available in 1979. The scope and participation in the scholarship awards program has increased tremendously since that time. The program reached a milestone in 2016, marking twenty years of awarding scholarships totaling more than \$320,000 (including Heart of America Brangus scholarships). The scholarships are provided through fundraising and private donations from many generous Brangus breeders.

The IBA scholarships are made available exclusively to the membership of the International Junior Brangus Breeders Association (IJBBA). Applicants and winners represent a competitive cross-section of junior Brangus breeders across the United States. The IBA expects the program to continue to grow and possibly provide full scholarships to its winners sometime in the future.

#### UNDERCLASSMAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a current IJBBA member and must have retained active membership at least one full year prior to the April 1st application submission deadline. Membership status is confirmed through the IJBBA activities director.

Applicants must be single and a graduating high school senior with a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Applicants must have completed at least seven semesters of high school. An official school transcript must accompany the application including grade point average and an adequate description of the school's grading system. Website transcripts are not acceptable. The transcripts must be official with school stamp or other school certification and emailed in a separate file to the same email address as the application by the April 1st application deadline.

These awards are given to the applicants deemed outstanding junior Brangus breeders in recognition of their promotion of Brangus through achievement in junior activities, shows and events, as well as excellence in academics and extracurricular activities. The amounts and number of scholarships awarded each year may vary and is contingent upon funds available.

## **UPPERCLASSMAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must be a current IJBBA member who is not more than 21 years old by the April 1st application submission deadline.

Applicants must be an IJBBA member for at least one full year prior to the year in which the application is due. Membership status is confirmed with the IJBBA activities director. All applicants must show continued interest in and promotion of the Brangus breed.

Applicants must have completed at least one full-time semester (12 hours or more) of college course by the application deadline of April 1st. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 is required. An official school transcript must accompany the application. Transcripts that clearly show independent verification are acceptable and may be emailed with the application as a separate file by the application deadline of April 1st.

It is not necessary for upperclassman applicants to be previous applicants or winners of an IBA Scholarship to apply. However, applicants may not be awarded more than **TWO** IBA Scholarships during their period of eligibility.

## **ALTERNATE EDUCATION AWARD PARAMETERS**

Established in 1986, this scholarship is available to a high school senior or first-year college student (classified as a freshman with not more than 20 hours college credit) who has demonstrated dedication in working with and promoting Brangus cattle. The applicant must be intent upon pursuing a career in agriculture and/or ranching. These funds are intended for students attending a junior or community college, trade or vocational-technical school and must be used for training in a related career field. The amounts and number of scholarships awarded each year may vary and is contingent upon funds available.

## **KEN HUGHES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Family and friends created this scholarship in memory of long-time Brangus breeder Ken Hughes. It is given to an eligible applicant, underclassman or upperclassman, with average or above average academic scores who indicates a need for financial assistance in order to begin or continue their education. The amounts and number of scholarships awarded each year may vary and is contingent upon funds available.

## **IJBBA GEORGIA MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is a **one-time scholarship** to an IJBBA member whose **primary residence is Georgia**. It is given to an eligible underclassman or upperclassman applicant.

## **TERRY DEAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Family and friends created this scholarship in memory of long-time cattleman, Brangus breeder and Brangus Show Dad. This is an add on scholarship awarded to an already awarded scholarship winner. Terry Dean's family evaluates

scholarship applications and directs the IBA as to the amount and whom to award based on the memorial's available funds. It is awarded to an eligible underclassman or upperclassman winner.

## HOME-SCHOOLED SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICANTS

The accountability association must complete a Ranking Report. This consists of a simple list of graduating students by name (no SS# required) with their respective GPR's. The association director signs the report. There is not a specific form used for this report; directors simply write their own report. If there are graduating students who did not turn in GPRs, the director should simply add their names to the list and record a 0 instead of their GPR.

If an association does not rank the students in its association, then the student goes to the public high school where he/she would normally have attended (if he were not homeschooled) and makes an appointment with the guidance counselor. This work is done on the counselor's own time, so please be considerate, and make your appointment well in advance of all deadlines (ie., October for the January deadline.) Ask the guidance counselor for a "hypothetical rank," the rank the student would have received if he/she had been at the school. Parents should bring with them to this meeting a brief description of courses (a portfolio of completed work is fine) or a school profile sheet (description of the homeschool program) to give to the guidance counselor a better idea of high school level work that has been completed.

The guidance counselor will write a letter on public school letterhead, stating that the homeschooled student has a hypothetical class rank within the top 5%. The guidance counselor must give the student's exact rank and the class size. The counselor should also include the student's social security number, other student information, and sign the letter.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of these awards may pursue any course of higher education at any recognized college or university of their choice, except for the Alternate Education Award winner. The recipient of this scholarship must be decisive in following a career in agriculture and /or ranching. Therefore, funds must be used for training in a related field at a junior or community college, trade or vocational-technical school. **Scholarship winners must complete a Scholarship Recipient Form (mailed to winner) and submit proof of enrollment to the IBA Treasurer by October 1st in the year the funds are awarded: Connie Smart, PO Box 590, Runge, TX 78151 or email to [conniecpa@karnesec.net](mailto:conniecpa@karnesec.net). If the Scholarship Recipient form and proof of enrollment are not made, the Scholarship is forfeited. Upon receipt of proof of enrollment and completed Scholarship Recipient form, scholarship funds will be deposited directly into the recipient's student account of the financial office at the university or college where the student is enrolled. FUNDS MAY NOT BE DEFERRED AND IF NOT AWARDED IN THE YEAR THE AWARD IS GIVEN THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE FORFEITED.**

To retain the full scholarship amount, at least one semester must be completed in the year the funds are awarded. If the semester is not completed, the recipient must refund the funds awarded the recipient to the IBA Treasurer and the balance of the scholarship is forfeited. If the winner of any of these awards fails to enroll in a school by **AUGUST 10th** the scholarship is also forfeited. Any unclaimed or forfeited funds will be returned to the Scholarship Trust Fund for future scholarships.

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The time period set aside for scholarship application requests is April through March each year. IBA Scholarship applicants may download an application from the IJBBA JUNIOR WEBSITE. If this is not possible, the applicant may request a form from the IBA Scholarship Chairwoman, Marlene Schwerin at [MSchwerin@jbu.edu](mailto:MSchwerin@jbu.edu). Completed applications must be completed online.

2. **Applicants may not be awarded more than two IBA scholarships during their period of eligibility.** However, applicants who have not received two scholarships may reapply each year in which they are eligible.

3. **Only properly completed applications will be considered for judging. All applications must be completed on the original google form. Applications will be disqualified if extra lines are added. Do not overlap photos or**

clippings.

4. When the application is completed, **HIT SUBMIT**. You **must also email a transcript** to the chairwoman at [MSchwerin@jbu.edu](mailto:MSchwerin@jbu.edu).

**Hard copy applications will NOT** be accepted. Score sheets will remain anonymous and confidential. However, written comments from the judges may be made available and included with the notification letter sent to each applicant. Score sheets will be destroyed once the final scores are tallied.

The IBA Scholarship Committee judges and chooses the winners each year between the application deadline and the NJBS. Once the recipients are publicly announced, the decision of the judges is final and binding.

CURRENT IBA SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRWOMAN:

Marlene Schwerin, 11897 Schwerin LN, Gentry, AR 72734

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## HELPFUL HINTS WHEN COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- Use FFA and 4-H record books or other applications you have already completed to help remind you of past activities. Also, take advantage of the IBA Scholarship workshop held each year at the National Junior Brangus Show and Futurity. Scholarship committee members are available to answer questions and give tips on completing applications properly.
- Write several rough drafts of your application before typing. Keep editing and condensing information (if necessary) until you are satisfied with the content. Some sections of the application allow limited space for your activities. Use the format specified for each section following the examples but be as specific as possible and sub-categorize information to save space. For example, list your IJBBA membership then list individual activities, committees, workshops, offices, etc., under that heading. Remember, you CANNOT add pages or use the backs of pages.
- You may use fragmented sentences and phrases to briefly describe and list activities, show records, etc. However, PLEASE use proper grammar and writing style in your essay.
- Focus your efforts on the essays. Do not procrastinate if you are not a strong writer. Ask a teacher, parent, sibling, or friend for help. The essay allows the applicant to express their personality and opinions to the judges in their own style.
- Recruit someone who has not helped you compile the application to read your entire final rough draft and critique for mistakes, misspellings, awkward wording, etc. Use constructive criticism to help improve your final product. • Use action verbs in the present and/or past tense, not passive verbiage. Use a thesaurus to help you choose a variety of descriptive verbs - organize, coordinate, or supervise - rather than using the same word over and over. • Use abbreviations of organization names and other words properly. Spell it out on the first usage before using the acronym.
- Employ the knowledge and experience of others, like parents, teachers, 4-H and FFA leaders, when you need advice or have a question. However, this entire application should be your sole work. Express yourself. We want to learn about your thoughts, ideas, and feelings no matter how simple or complex they may seem. We do not want to know the opinions of a textbook, teacher, or your parents.
- The Scholarship Chairwoman is always available to answer questions and offer explanations. Please call as soon as possible to avoid the delay of completing your application.

Examples for completing lists:

2016 TJBBA Secretary Took minutes at meetings, responsible for correspondence: 2018 Agra High School Band 1st

Trumpet Played at ballgames, parades and competed with marching band. 2020 NJBS Bred & Owned and Owned

Brangus 1st place in class, 4th place junior showmanship

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT UPPERCLASSMAN APPLICANTS SHOULD INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION AS WELL AS COLLEGE PARTICIPATION TO GIVE A COMPLETE REFERENCE OF AG INDUSTRY/SHOWING INVOLVEMENT. \*\***