



American Gelbvieh Junior Association

Scholarship Application Rules

Deadline: August 3, 2026

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Scholarships Available (may only win one memorial and one AGJA scholarship):

- \$1,000 Earl Buss Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Leness Hall Memorial Scholarship
- \$750 AGJA Scholarships (up to two awarded)
- \$750 Jacky Leonhardt Memorial Scholarship
- \$500 Mary Zillinger Cates Scholarship
- \$500 Rea Memorial Scholarship
- \$500 Patti Kendrick Memorial Scholarship
- \$500 AGJA Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. Applicants must be active members of the AGJA (annual membership dues paid for the year).
2. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors as of December 31 of the current year or college students no more than 21 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Scholarship monies must be used at a two-year or four-year college, university, or technical school.

Selection:

1. The scholarship committee will evaluate all applications.
2. If the committee deems an oral interview necessary, it will be conducted during the Junior Classic.

Receipt of Scholarship:

1. Recipients must submit proof of full-time enrollment and tuition payment for enrollment in post-secondary education to margo@gelbvieh.org no later than October 1 of the current year.
2. If a circumstance arises that prevents the recipient from enrolling in post-secondary education by the above deadline, the scholarship will be forfeited.
3. To retain the scholarship, the recipient must complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment at a post-secondary institution. If the semester is not completed, monies awarded must be refunded to the American Gelbvieh Foundation.

Order of Application Documents:

1. **Completed Application.** See separate document.
2. **Cover Page.** Include your name, hometown, state, current age, grade for the upcoming fall semester and photo.
3. **Involvement Activities.** On a separate sheet of paper, list the following items as they relate to your involvement with: AGJA, 4-H, FFA, high school, college, church, or community: evidence of leadership/C-citizenship, offices held, or recognitions/awards.
4. **Essay (500-1000 words).** Describe your involvement with Gelbvieh cattle and why you have chosen this breed. Include future plans and how Gelbvieh cattle will be involved.
5. **Recommendation Letters (two required).** Recommendations should be from non-related individuals of the following caliber: minister, school principal, county extension professional, FFA instructor/advisor, 4-H club leader, college instructor, active AGA adult member, or agricultural employer/supervisor. College Instructor.
6. **Introduction Video.** A 5 to 10-minute video introducing yourself, name of school you are or will be attending, year in school, major, Gelbvieh activities you have participated in, and other information you feel would be important for the Scholarship Committee to know.

All documents listed above must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted. Application submission material must be emailed to margo@gelbvieh.org by **August 3** to avoid disqualification. No exceptions.