



# CRAZY MOUNTAIN STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION

## 2022 Stockgrowers Scholarship Application

The Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Association is working to preserve our agricultural way of life. In that, we strongly support youth and education that will continue to grow future leaders in the ranching community. **The Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers will offer up to \$5,000 in college scholarships to Sweet Grass County students this year.** Applicants may be 2021 SGHS graduates, or past graduates currently enrolled in college. This money may be distributed to up to three (3) individuals, or awarded to one or two very worthy candidates.

Candidates are required to submit a typed application by **April 1**. The typed applications will be graded blind (without judges knowing the students' names). The top three to five scholarship candidates will be brought in for an interview to determine the scholarship award levels. Interviews will be conducted the last week in April. Applicants will be notified in April if they are being scheduled for an interview.

The scholarship process will be evaluated in five categories of varying importance. A full grading rubric is available in this application packet. The most impressive applicants (therefore eligible for greater scholarship reward) will demonstrate the following in their application and in the personal interview process:

**Future potential positive impact on the agriculture industry & rural communities**

**Strong community involvement, volunteering & leadership**

**Current agricultural involvement, interest and leadership**

**Clearly established educational and career goals**

**Satisfactory academic achievement and demonstrated financial need**



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**PLEASE TYPE YOUR APPLICATION. AN ELECTRONIC FORM IS AVAILABLE.**

This portion of the application will be removed by the scholarship committee before the rest of the application is submitted for judging. The written application will be judged blind (without knowing who the applicant is), so please do not write your name or family name anywhere else on the application.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTO OF YOU WITH THE APPLICATION.**

Photos will be used to publicize the scholarship and congratulate the winners.

**Submit completed applications by April 1 to:**

Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Association, c/o Scholarship Selection Committee  
Sweet Grass County Extension Office, OR mail to: PO Box 640 / Big Timber, MT 59011

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Educational background / plans

SWEET GRASS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SGHS CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE GRADE LEVEL (FALL 2018): \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED COLLEGE GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial need

Please list or discuss other sources of financial assistance available to you and/or that you expect to receive, and the expected cost of attending your chosen college:



# **1. Agriculture involvement & leadership**

Discuss how you are currently involved in agriculture, and share how you have demonstrated leadership or interest in the ranching industry (150-300 words).

# **2. Community involvement & leadership**

Discuss your extracurricular activities, leadership roles in school and in the community, honors or awards earned in school or the community, and ways you have volunteered in Sweet Grass County and contributed to the community (150-300 words).



### **3. Educational & career goals**

Discuss your short term (1-2 years) and long term (3-5 years) educational goals, and your long term (5-10 years) career goals (150-300 words).

### **4. Impact on the future of agriculture**

Describe how your education, career goals and life goals will have a positive impact on the future of agriculture and rural communities (500-750 words). Attach additional pages as necessary.



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## Scholarship grading rubric:

EVALUATION AREA / JUDGES' COMMENTS & NOTES	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
The student demonstrates an interest and plan to have a positive impact on the future of agriculture & rural communities.	30	
The student has taken an active role in the agriculture industry or vocational interests and has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the industry.	15	
The student is engaged in our community as a volunteer and leader. These traits have had and will continue to positively impact rural communities.	15	
The student has clearly established education and career goals.	10	
The student demonstrates financial need and an effort to meet those needs in order to accomplish his/her educational goals.	20	
<u>Application:</u> The written application is complete, typed, in general neat and free of error and submitted on time. <u>Interview:</u> The interviewee was professional, attentive and engaged in the conversation and interview process.	10	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	



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