

# 2026 CALIFORNIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CCA Allied Industry Scholarship • Tom Grimmus Memorial  
Scholarship • Hank Stone Memorial California Beef Cattle  
Improvement Association Scholarship • Livestock Memorial  
Research Fund Scholarship



## 2026 CCA SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

In 2025, CCA awarded \$51,000 in scholarships to students studying agriculture. Scholarship amounts and quantities vary year to year and recipients of CCA scholarships can re-apply the following year. By filling out the CCA standard scholarship application, you will be considered for any of the scholarships below (so long as you meet the requirements).

Applications must be typed and returned in full to the California Cattlemen's Association office by **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 11:59pm PST** via email to Gracie at [gracie@calcattlemen.org](mailto:gracie@calcattlemen.org). Application materials must be combined into **one** PDF document to be accepted.

Applications will be pre-screened based on satisfaction of relevant criteria and finalists will be contacted to schedule an interview with the selection committee. To receive a scholarship, applicants must be interviewed.

### **2026 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS:**

**CCA Allied Industry Scholarship:** Due to the outstanding support of the CCA Allied Industry Council, scholarship assistance is available to students currently enrolled in higher education.

**Hank Stone Memorial California Beef Cattle Improvement Association Scholarship:** The outstanding support of the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association (CBCIA) has made scholarship assistance available to students interested in beef cattle genetics and/or breeding. Applicants should demonstrate a continuing interest in beef cattle.

*Available 2026 scholarships continued on page 3.*

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**Tom Grimmus Memorial Scholarship:** The family of the late Tom Grimmus will award this annual scholarship to outstanding college students who have plans of working in the beef industry as a producer. This scholarship began in 2013.

**Livestock Memorial Research Fund Scholarship:** The Livestock Memorial Research Fund (LMRF) has provided exceptional scholarship assistance to students currently enrolled in veterinary or other upper division and post-graduate coursework. This scholarship is not awarded each year, but only when an exceptional candidate is identified. The scholarship began in 2018. **Only upper division and post-graduate applicants are eligible for the award.**

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a young, regular or feeder member of the California Cattlemen's Association. No exceptions. If you are not a member, call the CCA office at (916) 444-0845 to join.
2. Applicant must be a current undergraduate, master, school of law or veterinary student attending or enrolled in a junior college, four-year college, university or law school (high school students are not eligible). Those currently holding upper division status or enrolled in post-graduate programs will be automatically considered for the LMRF Scholarships. No additional application or supplemental items are required.
3. Applicant must have graduated from a California high school or be an out-of-state student currently attending a California college in order to apply.
4. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale.
5. Applicant must be studying a major consistent with career goals and should be planning a career associated with the beef cattle industry. This can include, but is not limited to, cattle production, genetics, nutrition, trade, law, agricultural communications, agricultural education, marketing, lending, policy, etc.
6. A typed 1,000-word or less statement outlining career goals and the purpose for applying for a scholarship must be included. Applicant should cite all activities that demonstrate leadership qualities, intellectual growth and breadth of interests.
7. Applicant must be available for a virtual or in-person interview on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada during the CCA & CCW Annual Convention. In-person interviews are encouraged, but virtual interviews will be available for those who cannot attend in person.
8. A copy of the applicant's current transcripts must also be included indicating academic status and major (if enrolled in college). Transcripts need not be official. Unofficial transcripts obtained from the school's student website or other student portals will be accepted.

# 2026 CCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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## 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name
Phone Number	Email Address
Home Mailing Address	City/ State/ZIP
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Cumulative GPA
Name of college or university you currently attend	
Major or Course of Study	

For the following three questions: select the correct box, right click, select "format shape" and fill the box with a solid color or highlight the answer.

**Classification in Fall 2026**     Undergraduate     Graduate     Veterinary     Other

**Class Standing in Fall 2026**     Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior     Other

**Are you a past recipient?**     Yes, I am.     No, I am not.

## 2. TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please list your top four accomplishments you consider most valuable to the 2026 CCA scholarship application.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. EDUCATION

Please include high schools, junior colleges and colleges attended with dates of attendance and graduation (including your present school). Do NOT include single course or class studies; e.g. night school.

SCHOOL NAME, CITY	YEARS ATTENDED	MAJOR/ MINOR	GPA	DEGREE
High School				
Junior College				
College				
College				

### 4. WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list your work experience during the past four years starting with your most recent job.

COMPANY NAME	POSITION	DUTIES	HOURS/ WEEK	DATES EMPLOYED

### 5. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information provided in this application is true and complete.

Failure to adhere to any of the previous requirements may result in disqualification of the application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all information is provided. The CCA office will not contact the applicant regarding any missing information.

Please note that supplemental materials included with scholarship applications will not be used in the selection of scholarship recipients. Only the materials outlined in this application will be accepted for consideration.

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Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

## 2026 CCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- I am a current CCA member. To become a member or renew your membership, please call the CCA office at (916) 444-0845.
- I have typed and signed my completed application.
- I have attached the following completed application materials as **ONE PDF document** in an email to [gracie@calcattlemen.org](mailto:gracie@calcattlemen.org). Note: students who submit applications as multiple files and not one PDF will be asked to resubmit.
  - A completed application.
  - A 1,000 word or less typed statement outlining career goals and the purpose for applying, citing all activities that demonstrate leadership qualities, intellectual growth and breadth of interests.
  - A copy of my current transcripts (unofficial is accepted), indicating academic status and major.
- I have made sure I am available to participate in a phone or virtual interview on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, if selected.
- I have submitted my completed application by the deadline of **Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 11:59pm PST.**



Good luck, applicants!

**Application Questions?** Visit [calcattlemen.org/scholarship](https://calcattlemen.org/scholarship) and read the frequently asked questions or contact Gracie LeCheminant at [gracie@calcattlemen.org](mailto:gracie@calcattlemen.org) or at (916) 444-0845.