



Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization

HCSGO Scholarship Application Requirements

1. Eligible applicants are expected to possess a strong background in Agriculture and/or major in an Agriculture-based (or a closely related) field as determined by the HCSGO Scholarship Committee. Additional merit will be given to applicants with personal experience with sheep and goats. Other majors will be considered by the committee on a case-by-case basis. **All information is subject to verification.**
2. Applications are **accepted from graduating high school seniors with proof of admission to a college/university/technical school, as well as students currently enrolled in any of those institutions including graduate and post-graduate students.**
3. The minimum that will be awarded is \$500 and may be several thousand dollars. Award amounts are dependent upon the quality and number of applicants, as well as funds raised for scholarships by HCSGO members.
4. Applicants must be **legal residents** of Texas and have graduated from an accredited high school in one of these Texas counties: Bandera, Blanco, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Menard, Real, Mason, or Sutton.
5. Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance as proof of college/university/technical school enrollment. An **official transcript from the registrar's office in a sealed envelope**, confirming the latest GPA (required), along with the completed application form. Additionally, applicants must submit two credible letters of reference (no family members) on company letterhead where applicable, each in a sealed envelope. **Applicants must sign the bottom of the application form, acknowledging the information is true, with the understanding that should any part of the application prove to be untrue, funds will not be disbursed, or revoked. Packets must be submitted with all required documents. No separate documents will be allowed. Without all required components, an application is considered incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The HCSGO Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to notify the applicant their packet is not complete.**
6. **The application deadline is April 20, annually.** Only applications postmarked on or before April 20 will be considered. Applications must be completed and submitted BY THE STUDENT. The applicant must communicate any (and all) correspondence. HCSGO Scholarship Committee recommends submitting the all-inclusive application early. **Completed applications must be mailed in hard copy to:**

Jeanie Ahrens, HCSGO Scholarship Chair
3551 Zenner-Ahrens Road
Kerrville, TX 78028

7. The Scholarship Committee has sole discretion in selecting the scholarship recipients. All decisions of the Committee are final.
8. **Successful applicants will be notified in writing and required to submit a current photo and handwritten thank you note to the Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization, and a signed letter acknowledging the scholarship in a ONE-TIME award, and not recurring each semester. Funds will be released contingent upon receipt of these items.**
9. Scholarship **recipients must enroll full time for the degree program indicated on their application** in the college of choice indicated on their application.
10. After receiving notification of an award, the student must submit proof of enrollment for the academic year for which the award is made, and contact the HCSGO Treasurer, Linda Treibs. Her address is PO Box 488, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.
11. Scholarship funds will be paid to the student's account at the college/university/technical school in which the student is enrolled full time.
12. Funds awarded must be utilized during the upcoming academic year beginning with the fall semester, with the understanding funds will be utilized for academic purposes only.