



James Michael Johnson
Memorial Scholarship for 2020
Administered by Texas Coastal CattleWomen

History and Purpose

The James Michael Johnson Memorial Scholarship is offered annually in the amount of \$500.00 by Nita and Ray Johnson in memory of their son. It was purposefully designed to assist a high school graduate to further his or her education while residing at home.

The scholarship is administered by the Texas Coastal CattleWomen (TCCW), a 501c3 local affiliate of Texas CattleWomen, Inc. (TCW) whose purpose is to work for the betterment of the beef industry through promoting beef, education, and legislation. TCCW welcomes members from any county in Texas to work with us in the serving of the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

Membership is open to adults, college students, and juniors. Having a ranch, farm or raising beef is not a requirement for membership. Our membership consists of women and men that have livestock, equine, that work on the state level TCW with contest. Some reside in urban areas and assist with local contests and charity events to promote beef as a healthy food choice.

Membership forms are available online at www.texascoastalcattlewomen.com or by request via email to TCCWMembership@gmail.com.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant (**male** or **female**):

1. Must be a United States citizen (US-born or naturalized) to be considered.
2. Must be a graduating senior or have just graduated from a Texas accredited High School or homeschool in the current calendar year.
3. Must be a member or be related to a junior, collegiate, or adult member of Texas Coastal CattleWomen, i.e., mother, grandmother, cousin, aunt, etc.



4. Must be continuing their education via acceptance for the fall semester at an educational institution. Educational institutions include:
 - a. Texas junior colleges, Texas 4-year colleges or universities.
 - i. Minimum of three (3) credit hours are required.
 - ii. Major does not need to be declared.
 - iii. May attend as a distance learner student.
 - b. A non-degree school in a program that counts for full credit toward bachelor's degree or higher, that must be nationally accredited and authorized by law to offer the program.
 - c. A vocational school, that must be nationally accredited and authorized by law to offer the program.
5. Must show financial need.
6. Must reside at home while furthering their education.

Application Instructions

Applicant will email to Scholarship Committee at TCCWscholarship@gmail.com in .PDF or .JPEG format:

1. Typed or printed the *Texas Coastal CattleWomen Scholarship Application*, completing all information requested.
2. Typed or printed a two (2) page maximum letter containing one of the following:
 - a. Ways of advocating the importance of beef in a healthy diet. This can be done through public speaking contest, 4-H Food Contest, preparing beef for family meals, passing out pamphlets about Beef Nutrition showing new ways to prepare BEEF at the grocery store or at your local school or college.
 - b. Ways of advocating beef verbally among your family and peers. This can be done in conversation about legislative actions impacting the beef industry, environmental disasters impacting beef operations, news reports about domestic and foreign beef suppliers for restaurants, and other beef related topics that impact you, your family and your peers.
7. Include at least one (1) letter of recommendation from an unrelated person. e.g., a responsible church, community, or school professional.

The applicant must provide the completed *Texas Coastal CattleWomen Scholarship Application* and all above items to be considered no later than **March 1**. Late applications and supporting documents will not be accepted. No exceptions.



Applicant Acceptance

The applicant agrees if selected:

1. To acknowledge the James Michael Johnson Scholarship of \$500 will be paid in one installment and this scholarship is not renewable.
2. To provide any changes to personal contact information, such as address, phone and email, to the Scholarship Committee at TCCWscholarship@gmail.com within seven (7) days of such occurrence. Failure to send could result in the forfeiting of the scholarship.
3. To send proof of enrollment no later than September 15. Failure to send this could result in the forfeiting of the scholarship. Proof must be emailed to Scholarship Committee at TCCWscholarship@gmail.com in .PDF or .JPEG format.
4. To send proof of high school graduation, i.e. transcript, copy of diploma with seal. Proof must be emailed to Scholarship Committee at TCCWscholarship@gmail.com in .PDF or .JPEG format.
5. To provide a photo in .JPEG or .TIFF format and authorize Texas Coastal CattleWomen to publish this photo and his/her name and likeness, in TCCW's print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other publications, social media sites and fundraiser promotions.
6. To use scholarship money towards IRS deemed Qualified Education Expenses, else reimburse to Texas Coastal CattleWomen. IRS deemed expenses are as follows:
 - a. Tuition and fees *required* for enrollment or attendance.
 - b. Fees, books, supplies and equipment *required* for course work.

Summary

Scholarship Applicants will be notified of his or her selection or rejection by April 15.

Scholarship Applicants related to a member or members of the Texas Coastal CattleWomen Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for Texas Coastal CattleWomen Scholarships.

Texas Coastal CattleWomen does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of any applicable protected classification including, but not limited to, race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.