

ALABAMA CATTLEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOUISE WILSON ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Alabama CattleWomen's Association presents a \$1000 scholarship in honor of Louise Wilson, the first executive director of what was first called the Alabama CowBelles and later became known as the Alabama CattleWomen's Association. Mrs. Wilson was a strong supporter of young people being a part of Alabama's cattle industry and the promotion of

Bama BEEF. It is in her memory that this scholarship is awarded to a high school senior, <u>male or female</u>, with leadership achievements, academic excellence, and ties to the Alabama BEEF industry. Funding for all the ACWA scholarships are provided by ACWA's Scholarship Fund supported by generous donations.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Students that will be graduating from high school in 2026 and will be enrolled in a 2 or 4-year accredited college
 or university no later than March 2027. Male and female students are eligible to apply.
- The student, their mother, stepmother or grandmother has been a member of the Alabama CattleWomen's Association for the years of 2023, 2024 and 2025.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Receive an application from your local CattleWomen's association or email Shelby Easterling
 at shelbyeasterling123@gmail.com for an application. Applications are also available at https://
 alabamacattlewomen.com/
- ALL application information must be provided to be considered for the scholarship.
- ALL support documentation requested on the application i.e. Transcripts / ACT scores, student involvement and recommendation letters must be orderly submitted with the application.

WHEN TO APPLY?

- Applications and support documents must be postmarked by February 27, 2026. No electronic application will & sidered.
- Mail application materials to the Alabama CattleWomen's Scholarship committee at:

Shelby Easterling 654 CO RD 203 Ariton, AL 36311

WHEN WILL THE AWARD BE ANNOUNCED?

- The winning recipient will be contacted by the ACWA and the scholarship will be presented in the Spring of 2026. Every effort should be made by the winner to be present at the awards presentation. If you would also like to be awarded your scholarship at your school's honors day or graduation, efforts will be made to have an ACWA officer present.
- Your scholarship funding will be paid directly to your college or university once you are enrolled. Arrangements will be made by the ACWA Treasurer to make this contribution to your student account and must be requested before March 2027 or scholarship will be forfeited.