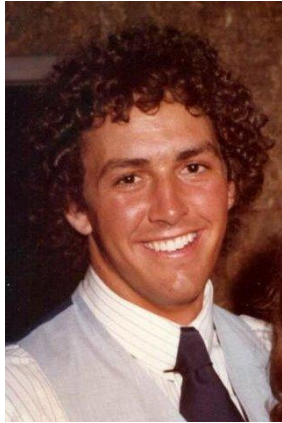


**Application for the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association
Dallas Ward Memorial Scholarship
Deadline: April 15 of each year**

This scholarship was established by Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. (CCCA) in 2000. Initial funding was provided by members of CCCA and the local business community. At the present time, scholarships are awarded in \$500 increments depending upon number of qualifying applicants and availability of funds.



The scholarship is named in memory of Dallas Ward. Dallas was an exceptionally optimistic, talented, and caring young man. He competed in a variety of sports from age six through college, played the saxophone and oboe, and excelled as a student. Dallas was active in church and civic activities and demonstrated heart-felt compassion for all living things. His goal in life was to become a veterinarian. Dallas was actively pursuing at the time of his death. While a junior majoring in animal science at NC State University, Dallas was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Dallas was the son of Grady & Barbara Ward, who raise cattle in upper Cleveland County. Grady served as Association president during 1999-2000.

Eligibility

- *Graduating seniors from any of the high schools in Cleveland County pursuing a baccalaureate or associate degree who have demonstrated a strong interest in beef cattle production.*
- *Priority will be given to applicants who are associate members of CCCA or whose parents or grandparents are active CCCA members.*
- *Priority will be given to applicants who are pursuing a degree in agriculture with an emphasis in beef production.*
- *Previous winners may reapply and will be considered on the basis of academic merit and financial need.*

Selection Criteria

- *Leadership and extracurricular activities*
- *Personal motivation and initiative*
- *Demonstrated interest in the beef industry*
- *Career goals*
- *Academic standing*
- *Financial need*

Administration

The scholarship will be administered by a Scholarship Committee composed of the Association president or his/her designee, the Association treasurer, an appointed Scholarship Committee chairperson, and the county extension director.

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Instructions for completing an Application:

1. *This application provides information which will be used by the CCCA Scholarship Committee in making the award. To assure that you will be considered for this scholarship, please complete (type or neatly print) this form and submit it to:*

*CCCA Scholarship Committee
Attention: County Extension Director
130 S. Post Road, Suite 1
Shelby, NC 28152
Telephone: 704-482-4365*

2. *For timely consideration, applications and all supporting documentation **must be received by April 15.***
3. *Attach the following to the application:*
 - *A 1- to 2-page essay which includes a biographical statement including family situation, special interests and activities, and any other pertinent information about yourself. This essay should also describe your college goals and future career plans. You may also include any background information (including an optional statement of financial need) that would assist the Selection Committee in evaluating your application.*
 - *First-time applicants should include an official high school transcript with standardized test scores included.*
 - *Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, civic, and/or faith community leaders(one letter must be written by a member of the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association).*

Note: *College students reapplying for the award do not have to complete the application form. Instead, write a brief letter of interest that provides the Scholarship Committee with an update on your educational goals and career plans and enclosed an official college transcript.*

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

High School, College or University Currently Attending: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Father's Employer: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Mother's Employer: _____

Number of:

Brothers _____ Ages _____

Sisters _____ Ages _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA/Scale: _____

SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Math _____

Rank/Class, Size: _____

Have you applied for admission to an accredited college or university? ___ Yes ___ No

If you have applied, then for which school and curriculum of study? _____

Have you been accepted for admission? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you applied for financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?
___ Yes ___ No

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Estimated annual expenses:

Tuition & fees: \$ _____
 Room & board: \$ _____
 Books & supplies: \$ _____
 Other: \$ _____

4. If you are receiving other scholarship awards for the upcoming academic year, please indicate the name and amount: _____

5. Extra-Curricular Activities:

6. Awards & Honors:

COMMUNITY & CIVIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION

7. Civic Activities:

Organization	Member/Officer/Responsibility

9. Are you an associate member of CCCA? ___Yes ___ No

10. Are your parents/grandparents active member of CCCA? ___ Yes ___ No

Work Activities

11. Employment (It is important that you list all work activities as these may be given consideration in evaluating your participation in extra-curricular and other activities):

Dates	Employer	Responsibilities

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12. If you or your family derives income from farming, please indicate:
Percent of total net income derived from farming: _____ %

Nature of farming activity (crops & animals produced):

The nature and degree of your involvement in this farming operation:

Please list beef-related projects or activities:

References:

Please attach two letters of recommendation (one should be from a member of the Cleveland County Cattlemen's Association).

Affirmation Statement

All information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful. It is my understanding that in order to receive scholarships, I must be in good standing with my school. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I authorize the CCCA Scholarship Committee to access my academic and disciplinary records for use in the scholarship decision-making process.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Application Check List:

- Essay attached: ___ Yes ___ No
- References attached: ___ Yes ___ No
- Signed and dated the Affirmation Statement: ___ Yes ___ No
- Dated the cover sheet and removed it for your records: ___ Yes ___ No