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American-International Charolais Association

To: AIJCA Members Requesting Scholarship Program Information

From: Mesa Kutz, Director of Junior Activities

Subject: AIJCF Scholarships

Enclosed you will find the guidelines and an application for selection of American-International Junior Charolais Foundation (AIJCF) Scholarships. Review the scholarship program guidelines before completing your application.

AIJCF Scholarships are awarded to current AIJCA members on the basis of scholastic excellence in high school and/or college, demonstrated AIJCA or associated affiliate leadership, interest in the cattle industry, and youth leadership activities.

The American-International Junior Charolais Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Fund requires applicants to be enrolled in an agricultural course or in a related field of academic endeavor in a bona fide college or university. The following scholarship funds do not restrict the applicants field of study to agriculture: Walker/Phillips, Claude Canada Memorial, Charlie and Jean Smith, Joe and Carolynne Garrett, Wesson Memorial, Stauffer Memorial, Taylor Thomas Memorial, Chance Clifton Live Big!, Pete & Wendy Stamer, Cross Family, and Missouri Charolais Breeders Association and It's a Southern Tradition.

The number of AIJCF scholarship recipients and the dollar amount awarded shall be determined each year by the scholarship selection committee. Scholarships are paid from the income derived from the principal fund. Scholarships are awarded in two stipends: one-half for the fall semester; and one-half for the spring semester.

To be considered for the above mentioned AIJCF scholarships, complete the enclosed application. Your completed application, including the necessary signatures and an official copy of your most recent college transcript (high school transcript if you will be a first-semester freshman), and all three letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026 and mailed to AICA, Attn: Director of Youth Activities, 11700 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153.

You are encouraged to enclose all of the required scholarship material in one envelope and forward to the AICA office. If material will be sent separately it will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals or institutions have forwarded the required material. The AICA office will not contact applicants if a portion of their required material has not been received.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2026 AIJCA Junior National Awards Banquet in Hutchinson, Kansas, Thursday, June 25, 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to receiving your application.

AIJCA Scholarship Checklist

Your scholarship application is considered complete when you submit each of the following (check line if material is enclosed):

_____ Scholarship application signed and dated with **all 3 required signatures**

_____ An official copy of your most recent college transcript
(high school transcript if you will be a first-semester freshman)

_____ Three (3) letters of recommendation
(If more than 3 letters of recommendation are sent, it will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee to randomly disregard additional letters to reduce number of recommendation letters to 3.)

NOTE:

You are encouraged to enclose all of the required scholarship material in one envelope and forward to the AICA office.

Do not write or type on the back of the application. Include additional pages if necessary.

If material will be sent separately it will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals or institutions have forwarded the required material.

The AICA office will not contact applicants if a portion of their required material has not been received.

AIJCA membership dues for the year 2026 must be paid by April 30, 2026, for application to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Send scholarship material to:

American-International Charolais Association
Attn: Director of Youth Activities
11700 NW Plaza Circle
Kansas City, MO 64153

All scholarship material must be postmarked
by APRIL 30, 2026.

Enclose this check-list form with application.

AIJCA Scholarship Guidelines

1. Scholarship applicants must be paid members of the American-International Junior Charolais Association (AIJCA) and obtained at least senior year status in high school when applying. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full time (minimum of 12 semester hours) in an accredited college or university.
   A maximum number of four AIJCA scholarships will be awarded to a student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. A graduate degree program student is not eligible for an AIJCA scholarship.
   The American-International Charolais Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Fund requires applicants to be enrolled in an agriculture related field of academic endeavor at an accredited college or university. Without limitation, examples of qualified majors shall be animal science, agricultural business, agricultural education, agricultural journalism, veterinary medicine and agricultural economics.
   The following scholarship funds do not restrict the applicants field of study to agriculture: Walker/Phillips, Claude Canada Memorial, Charlie and Jean Smith, Joe and Carolynne Garrett, Wesson Memorial, Stauffer Memorial, Taylor Thomas Memorial, Chance Clifton Live Big!, Pete & Wendy Stamer, Cross Family, Missouri Charolais Breeders Association and It's a Southern Tradition.
   State and affiliate organizations who periodically offer scholarships determine their own applicant guidelines.
2. Applications will be scored by the AICF Board of Trustees.
3. The number and amount of AIJCA Scholarships shall be determined each year by the selection committee.
4. Each selection committee member shall independently review and score each application received and select the recipient(s) based on the following criteria:

   1-10, scholastic record;

   1-15, demonstrated AIJCA or associated affiliate leadership;
   1-10, interest in the cattle industry;
   1-10, youth leadership activities.
5. The scores shall be compiled by AICA and winners will be announced at the annual AIJCA Awards Banquet in conjunction with the Junior National Show & Leadership Conference.
6. Prior to the issuance of the fall and spring stipends, scholarship recipients must submit the following two items to the AICA Director of Junior Activities:

   A. Proof of full-time enrollment and good standing from the college or university's registrar's office;

   B. An official copy of the student's academic transcript.

   The student is required to meet a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above based on a 4.0 point system. To obtain the spring stipend, 12 completed semester hours must appear on the fall semester's grade report.

AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ **Breeder Number** _____ **D/O/B** _____ **Age** _____

Name _____

Home Address _____
Street, City, State & Zip

School Address _____
Street, City, State & Zip

Home Telephone _____ **School Telephone** _____

E-mail Address _____ **Fax** _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Place of Home Residence (Check one) **County of Home Residence** _____

- ◯ Farm/Ranch (No. of Acres _____)
- ◯ Town Under 10,000 or Open Country
- ◯ Town of 10,000 to 50,000
- ◯ Town of 50,000 or more

EDUCATION

Name of High School _____

Years Attended _____ **Graduation Date** _____ **Grade Average** _____

Name of College Attending or Planning to Attend _____

Years Completed _____ **Graduation Date** _____ **Grade Average** _____

Major _____

Career Objective

RECORD OF 4-H and/or FFA CLUB WORK

Number of Years Enrolled in 4-H _____Number of Years enrolled in FFA _____

Types of Projects

Offices Held

Recognition Received in 4-H and/or FFA Work

Explain Your Responsibilities Within 4-H and/or FFA Clubs

RECORD OF AIJCA

Number of Years as a Member _____

Offices Held

Your Responsibilities Within AIJCA

Recognition Received in AIJCA

RECORD OF AFFILIATE JUNIOR CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION WORK

Number of Years as a Member _____

Offices Held

Your Responsibilities Within Affiliate Junior Charolais Association

Recognition Received in Affiliate Junior Charolais Association

RECORD OF ASSOCIATION OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN AIJCA OR AFFILIATE JUNIOR CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION

Name of Organization(s) _____

Number of Years as a Member _____

Offices Held

Your Responsibilities Within Said Organization

Recognition Received in Said Organization

Summarize Other Interests and Activities (Music, Athletics, Church Work, High School, Camps, Hobbies, etc.)

State reasons for your decision to study the field you have chosen in college and any other factors you may wish the committee to consider in determining your eligibility for this scholarship.

We have examined this application and find the records true, accurate and complete. We hereby permit for publicity purposes the use of any information included in the application with exception of the following:

Before completing below information, print form to sign and date.
Applications without signatures will not be processed.

Applicant's Signature	**Date**
Parent/Guardian's Signature	**Date**
Name/Title or 4-H, FFA or person unrelated with knowledge of applicants Programs	**Date**

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE WHEN YOU SUBMIT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **Three (3) letters of recommendation from the following: minister, school principal/ superintendent, 4-H leader, FFA instructor, county agent, college advisor/Dean and/or active adult AICA member.**
- ✓ **Your most recent original college transcript (high school if you will be a first semester freshman).**
- ✓ **Scholarship application signed and dated.**

AIJCA membership dues for the current year must be paid by APRIL 30 for application to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

It is advised that you collect all of the above information and send it in one envelope. Applications must be postmarked by APRIL 30.

Send (3) letters of recommendation, transcript and completed application directly to the:

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Kansas City, MO 64153