

2025 George Howard Memorial Scholarship

The George Howard Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1500, will be awarded at the College National Finals in June 2025. George Howard coached for 35 years at the collegiate level garnering seven national team titles, 27 individual national champions and numerous regional individual and team titles. He served on the National Board of directors for the NIRA for ten years. His students have gone on to become doctors, teachers, engineers, lawyers, nurses, business owners and community leaders. He was a man of integrity, wisdom, knowledge, patience, loyalty, responsibility, compassion, kindness and honesty. He believed in passing these traits on to his students. Coach Howard firmly wanted his students to obtain a college degree and believed that athletes, who were successful in the classroom, would be successful in the rodeo arena and in life.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- must be an active member in good standing of the NIRA and the institution the applicant is attending
- be making satisfactory progress toward a post-secondary degree with plans to attend a university in the upcoming fall semester
- applicant must be an upcoming junior or senior in college
- demonstrate dedication to the sport of rodeo
- attach an official transcript of all college/university work

Section 1– Biographical Information (Please Print)

Name _____ NIRA # _____

Address _____

Cell Phone # (_____) _____ Email _____

Major _____

Institution Attending in the Fall Semester _____

Major _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Rodeo Coach _____

Rodeo Coach Phone Number (_____) _____

Section 2– Essay Question (Response should be limited to two pages, single-spaced.)

1. How did you get started in rodeo? Tell us about your rodeo history.
2. Discuss career goals as they relate to your college education.
3. List activities you are involved with both in and outside of rodeo.
4. How are you a peer leader?

Section 3- Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation from a professor, counselor, employer, rodeo coach or other unrelated person who feels you deserve the George Howard Memorial Scholarship.

Applications should be e-mailed to: Julie Howard ghowardj@aol.com, subject heading “George Howard Scholarship”, NO THAN MAY 19, 2025. You will receive an email confirmation.