



2026 HARRY VOLD DUKE OF THE CHUTES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



PURPOSE:

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Foundation elected to create an award to honor and reward student members who have exhibited the traits and characteristics exemplified by Harry Vold, a lifetime member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Mr. Harry Vold is widely recognized as one of the most distinguished and respected stock contractors in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the NIRA. He has been the stock contractor of record for the College National Finals Rodeo for decades. He has also been the PRCA's Stock Contractor of the Year eleven times, and one of only two stock contractors to provide stock to every National Finals Rodeo.

Mr. Vold was polite, courteous, loyal, faithful, honest, kind and generous. He was also very patriotic and dedicated to the sport of rodeo. He had sat on numerous PRCA committees and board of directors. He was inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in 1994.

Mr. Vold was a hard worker up until he passed away in March of 2017, he was 93 years old. He was actively involved in the operation of his ranch and the production of his rodeos.

The Foundation has chosen to honor Mr. Vold's dedication to college rodeo by sponsoring this scholarship to the worthy recipient. The recipient will be selected by the foundation board of directors at their summer board meeting. The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500, and will be presented during the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming. The winner is expected to be present.

Qualifications:

- Must be an active member in good standing of the NIRA and the institution the applicant is attending
- Making satisfactory progress toward a post-secondary degree
- Demonstrate qualities & principles that personify Harry Vold
- Demonstrate dedication to America and to the sport of rodeo
- Official Transcript of all College/University work



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APPLICATION PROCESS

THE HARRY VOLD DUKE OF THE CHUTES SCHOLARSHIP IS PRESENTED AT THE CNFR, THE WINNING APPLICANT IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT.

SECTION 1- BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Institution Attending _____ NIRA # _____

Address _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Cell Phone # (_____) _____

Major _____ Graduation Date _____

SECTION 2- ESSAY QUESTION (PLEASE ANSWER ON SEPARATE SHEET)

Write an essay that describes you in respect to the following:

1. Patriotism– Responsibility, Loyalty, Respect for America and your Community
2. Rodeo as a sport in America
3. Rodeo Athlete as a Role Model with respect to Integrity, Leadership, Education

SECTION 3- ACCOMPLISHMENTS (PLEASE ANSWER ON SEPARATE SHEET)

List any accomplishments or achievements you have received. Also include your Career Goals, Activities Involved in, & Honors/Awards received.

SECTION 4- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION & TRANSCRIPTS

Please attach two letters of recommendation from a professor, counselor, employer, rodeo coach or other unrelated person who you feel could recommend you for the Harry Vold Scholarship. Include official transcripts of all college/university work.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

NIRA

2033 WALLA WALLA AVE.

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

NO LATER THAN MAY 22, 2026.