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Dear Senior:

The end of the 2022-23 rodeo season will be here soon, which means it is time to award scholarships to our graduating seniors! We award scholarships to contestants who are members in good standing with GHSRA. You do not have to qualify for the State Finals or the NHSFR to apply. If you plan to further your education through college, junior college, or trade school, we will be glad to consider your application. We would like to encourage every senior to apply for a scholarship through the GHSRA.

Scholarships will be awarded based on need, academics, community service, and school and rodeo activities. Please complete the following steps to apply:

1. Fill out the application that will be available on the GHSRA website. Be sure to complete **ALL** parts of the application:
 - Application
 - A list of community, school and rodeo activities or service
 - Statement of how this scholarship will help you achieve your future career goals (up to 100 words – see application)
2. A complete four-year transcript from your high school
3. Sign up for an interview time to be held during the **Ringgold Rodeo weekend, May 6-7, 2023**. You can sign by emailing Julie Townsend townsendjulie10@gmail.com
Please sign up for an interview time (available slots will be posted) by Monday, May 1, 2023 to ensure you receive an interview.
4. Please bring your application (and all required documents) to your interview at Ringgold. If possible, please email a copy of the completed forms back to Julie Townsend. Be sure to dress in **full western attire** for this interview. **DON'T BE LATE!!**

Please be aware that this is the same process that will be used at nationals if you qualify and attend the NHSFR. However, you will need to complete the 2023 NHSR Foundation Scholarship application online when it becomes available. You can check the NHSRA or the NHSR Foundation websites for updates on the application. The national application will need to be completed electronically, printed, and turned in at the NHSFR in Gillette, Wyoming. Your GHSRA application will be given back to you after the GHSRA scholarships are awarded at state finals because much of the same information will be asked on the NHSR Foundation Scholarship application.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to call or text Julie Townsend at 850-566-4008. If you are unable to attend an interview during the Ringgold rodeo, please contact Julie Townsend as soon as possible, so we can make other arrangements for your interview.

Please consider this opportunity seriously. Last year GHSRA awarded over \$25,000.00 to our graduating seniors, and we would be thrilled to add you to the list of 2023 recipients!

Best Wishes from your 2023 GHSRA Scholarship Committee!