



RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association
Board of Directors

2026-2027

**BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM “TOM” MEREDITH
HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

SECTION 1 - OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION: We’re pleased to announce our 16th annual RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association (RHPBA) Tom Meredith Scholarship Program for the 2026-2027 academic year.

This year we’ll be awarding a minimum of three \$2,000 scholarships.

The Scholarship Program was created in 2010 offering financial assistance to current Association members and their immediate families seeking to further their education by attending an accredited technical institution, college or university of their choice. We acquire funds for this program entirely from donations, contributions and fund-raising efforts throughout the year.

POLICY: Academic scholarships are competitively awarded to the following array of applicants planning to attend or currently attending accredited institutions of higher learning, including vocational and technical institutes:

- A. Qualified high school seniors and prior year graduates
- B. GED recipients
- C. Home school students meeting the public high school graduation requirements for their respective state
- D. Undergraduate students with at least two semesters remaining prior to graduation

THE APPLICATION PROCESS, identified in SECTION 2 – SELECTION CRITERIA & SUBMITTAL GUIDANCE, allows applicants to prepare and submit a fillable application form and five accompanying attachments via email.

WHO’S ELIGIBLE TO APPLY? The program is available to family members of an RHPBA member in good standing (annual dues are current). A family member can be a member’s spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, granddaughter, and includes the member.

HOW TO APPLY: The application process consists of submitting a fillable Application Form and five accompanying attachments via email.

- A. The fillable Application Form is found in SECTION 3 below.
- B. Five attachments accompany the Application Form and are identified in SECTION 2 – SELECTION CRITERIA & SUBMITTAL GUIDANCE.
- C. Please direct any inquiries to Scholarship Committee Chair Don Boone via email (dboone555@outlook.com) or text (518-441-7639).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2026.

SECTION 2 – SELECTION CRITERIA & SUBMITTAL GUIDANCE

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- A. The successful applicants will be chosen by the RHPBA Board of Directors following review and recommendation by the Scholarship Committee.
- B. Selection criteria incorporates these interest areas:
 - 1. Goals and Aspirations
 - 2. Achievements
 - 3. Activities & Employment
 - 4. Academics
 - 5. References
 - 6. Strength of Application
- C. All applicants will be notified of our results no later than July 15, 2026.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS & SUBMITTAL

- A. The RHPBA scholarship application consists of a fillable Application Form and five attachments.
- B. In order to qualify for scholarship award, the applicant must submit the following:
 - 1. Fillable Application Form: see SECTION 3 - APPLICATION FORM. The fillable form can be completed, downloaded and saved to your electronic device, then attached and forwarded via email to dboone555@outlook.com.
 - 2. Five Attachments:
 - a. Letter of Reference: from someone other than a family member familiar with the applicant’s academic, social, extracurricular, or other relevant value-based criteria
 - b. Personal Essay: approximately 500 words highlighting your career goals
 - c. Transcript of your academic record for your most recent school year
 - d. Verification of Enrollment in your accredited institution of higher learning
 - e. Personal Photo from the waist up, taken within 90 days of submittal.
- C. Email the files as attachments to dboone555@outlook.com. Identify your email subject as, “2026 RHPBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – *your last name*”.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- A. Award recipients agree to the release of their name and photo to the RHPBA in order to promote the RHPBA scholarship program among our membership.

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Thank you for taking interest in and applying for the Brigadier General "Tom" Meredith Honor Scholarship award. On behalf of our RHPBA members and Board of Directors, I extend our best wishes for a productive and successful academic year.

Tony Davit, President
RED HORSE and Prime BEEF Association