

**THE AMERICAN CHIANINA AUXILIARY
JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
OFFICIAL APPLICATION**

The American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Award is presented annually and will be announced at the American Chianina Association National Junior Heifer Show each year. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on the merits of the individual applicants. The Scholarship Committee shall determine the number and value of scholarships awarded. Scholarships will be divided in half and sent per semester directly to the school, for one college year or equivalent completed. It is mandatory that the scholarship award winners attend a college, university or one year technical school of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a JUNIOR MEMBER of the American Chianina Association.
2. Applicant must be a graduating High School student at the time of application.
3. Applicant shall have manifested an interest in Chianina projects and have a part in such activities at the time of application.
4. Applicant must have participated in a least one of the following shows:
National Junior Chianina Heifer Show, ACA National Show (Louisville, KY), or the Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show (Ft. Worth, TX).
5. Applicant shall have mailed an Official Application for Scholarship, complete with all transcripts, recommendations and forms required to the American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Award Committee Chairman by April 15, the application deadline.

SELECTION

The American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Committee shall select scholarship winners based on:

1. Qualified applicants.
2. Record of accomplishments.
3. Promotion of Chianina cattle.
4. The applicant's occupational experience in programs while a member of the ACA, FFA, 4-H, church or any other community organization.
5. Record of grade transcript.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. A high school transcript including standardized test scores (SAT, ACT, PSAT) signed by the superintendent or principal shall accompany your Official application. Please describe grading system i.e. A= ___;B= ___. The transcript must include your Official Class Rank _____ and Size of Class _____.
2. The application blanks are complete. Please DO NOT ADD ANY SHEETS other than where specified. When they are completed, place the sheets in the order of their numbers and bind them with a medium or light weight loose-leaf notebook cover that is suitable for mailing. A neat protective cover is all that is required. There will be no additional credit given for any other type.
3. There are sheets provided at the end of the application for recommendations. Select three persons, each from the following FIVE categories (1) County Agent, FFA or 4-H Adult Leader; (2) School Principal, Superintendent or Counselor; (3) Pastor or Community Official; (4) Employer or Business Official; (5) Chianina Breeder. Recommendations are confidential and each is to be Mailed by the reference source directly to the American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Chairperson.
4. Pictures and clippings of your Chianina projects are most important and can be displayed on the Picture Page/Collage, with captions where needed. This is a good way to showcase your involvement and interest in the cattle industry.
5. Application Deadline is April 15. If test scores are not made available by the time of the application deadline, applicants may request an extension for test scores only, and have them submitted to the Scholarship Committee before June 1. Please mail Applications directly to the American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Chairperson. (Address will be announced in the American Chianina Journal each year.)

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT
(Applies to winner only)

1. The Scholarship may be defined as a financial grant for which no equivalent work is required.
2. It is mandatory that the scholarship winner attend a college, university or school of their choice the fall semester immediately following selection. In event that a circumstance arises that the winner cannot enroll in a school for additional education by the fall semester immediately following their selection as a Scholarship winner, the award will be forfeited.
3. Funds are sent directly to the financial aid office of the recipient's chosen college or university at the rate specified. The funds are to reimburse the college for the student's tuition or fees or both in the amount not to exceed the total specified sum. The unexpended balance of the scholarship may be used to defray other legitimate expenses incidental to school attendance. The award winner shall initiate the scholarship when they present evidence that they have enrolled and have been accepted at a college, university or school of their choice. The second semester payment of the scholarship will be sent when the recipient presents proof of completion of the first semester and proof of enrollment in the second semester of the school year. If for any reason the award winner fails to complete a semester of school, they shall be liable to reimburse the monies already presented for that particular semester and forfeit the remainder of their scholarship.

NOTIFICATION

1. The winner of the American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship will be announced at the ACA National Junior Heifer Show each year.
2. Only applications accompanied by a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE suitable for containing complete applications shall be returned to the Applicant.
3. The American Chianina Auxiliary Junior Scholarship Committee reserves the right to qualify or disqualify applications based on the rules set forth in the Official Application for Scholarship.

**THE AMERICAN CHIANINA AUXILIARY
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A. PHOTO OR SNAPSHOT OF APPLICANT (Attach to this page)

B. BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Age: ____ AJCA# _____
4. Name of High School: _____
5. Years in Chianina projects: ____ 4-H ____ FFA ____
6. Parent(s) or Guardian: _____
7. Number of brothers: _____ Number of sisters: _____
8. Email address: _____
9. Phone Number: _____

C. CATTLE BACKGROUND

- 1. Number of Chianina cattle owned by your family: _____
- 2. Number of Chianina Cattle owned by you: _____

D. PROJECT AND ACTIVITY BACKGROUND

- 1. You have been a Junior Chianina member how many years? _____
- 2. Are you a member of an organized State or Regional Junior Association? ____
of Years? _____
- 3. List activities and number of years you have participated.

- a. American Junior Chianina Association and National Junior Chianina Heifer Shows: _____

B. School: _____

C. 4-H Club and/or FFA: _____

4. List 4-H and/or FFA honors and awards you have won (excluding show record, showmanship and judging.) _____

5. List other honors and awards you have won (school, church, etc.; exclude show record, showmanship, judging) _____

E. PICTURE PAGE/COLLAGE OF YOUR CHIANINA CATTLE OR OTHER EXPERIENCES

F. WORK EXPERIENCE (Please describe)

G. THE INFLUENCE OF CHIANINA CATTLE IN YOUR LIFE

Answer one of the following questions. Please type your answer.

1. Explain what Chianina cattle have meant to you. What role do they play in your present farm program and what are your goals and ambitions for the future?
2. What is one of the biggest challenges facing the cattle/beef industry. Describe how and why you would be prepared to handle it.

H. HIGH SCHOOL GRADE TRANSCRIPT: (please attach your transcript)

Applicant's GPA: _____ Applicant's class rank: _____

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FOR
THE AMERICAN CHIANINA AUXILIARY JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Date Due to the ACA Junior Scholarship Chairperson - April 15

Please note: The applicant has furnished the judging committee information of activities and winnings of awards. We would appreciate your candid appraisal of this applicant's attributes and character.

Name of Applicant: _____

How long have you known applicant? _____

To what degree of confidence do you recommend this applicant for scholarship?

Highly _____ Good _____ Fair _____ With Some Doubt _____

Personal rating of Applicant (Check)

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	POOR
Intelligence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personality	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Citizenship	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to Communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments: (This space only, please)

Date _____

Please mail directly to
To ACA Jr. Scholarship Chairperson
(Address shall be provided by the applicant)

Signed _____

Title _____
County agent, FFA/4-H Advisor Leader, Principal
Superintendent, Counselor, Pastor. Community,
Official, Employer, Business Official, Chianina Breeder

**THE AMERICAN CHIANINA AUXILIARY
JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
APPLICATION QUALIFICATION AND SCORE FORM**

1. QUALIFICATION OF APPLICATION: All qualified applications shall be in compliance with the Official Rules set forth in Pages A and B of the Official Application for Scholarship Form. If an application for Scholarship is not in compliance with such rules, it shall be disqualified for further consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

All applications shall be checked for completion in the “Qualify” column of the official score form. A check mark shall denote completed and qualified items in each category. An “X” mark shall denote incorrect or disqualified items in each category. It is mandatory that the applicant’s ACA Junior Membership and membership number be verified at the ACA National Office.

2. SCORING: Items shall be judged on a point system
 - a. A specified number of points, assigned to a particular item or category as contained on the form herein, for a TOTAL SCORE of 100 points.
 - b. The final selection of a Scholarship Winner shall be determined by a majority vote cast by each member of the Scholarship Committee and which at any time of judgement, shall not consist of less than three (3) ACA Junior Scholarship Committee Members.