

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2025 Western Art Academy Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 3, 2025

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ provides awards for students to attend the Western Art Academy (WAA) held in Kerrville, Texas. The award will be presented to outstanding 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th-grade students participating in the School Art Program. The dates for the summer 2025 session are June 15 - July 12, 2025, , at the Schreiner University Campus in Kerrville, Texas.

WAA SCHOLARSHIP: WAA is a four-week intensive program held in Kerrville, Texas under the direction of Schreiner University. Students study sculpture and oil painting with a focus on Western heritage as their subject matter. Students work with models and are taken on field trips for study. Students will receive 3 hours of college credit if they complete the course with a passing grade. Classes are conducted Monday through Saturday for eight hours a day. Students stay in housing at Schreiner University and are chaperoned by WAA staff members. Sundays are free days, though still chaperoned. Students are not able to leave campus without a chaperone.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provides all fees, art materials, housing and food. Students are responsible only for transportation from Schreiner University, as well as laundry fees and any miscellaneous personal expenses. A charter bus will be provided to transport students to WAA if desired. Once students have checked in, they may not use their own cars. After the students are checked in at the Western Art Academy, any family and friends who have accompanied the student depart and can then return on Parents Weekend and on the last day for the closing reception where the students will be honored and their artwork displayed. There will also be one visitation weekend.

Students who attend WAA are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct provided by the Western Art Academy. This code of conduct prohibits the consumption of alcohol, sexual promiscuity, and use of drugs and misbehavior of any kind. There will be no exceptions to the conduct required and zero tolerance for students who do not conform to the purpose and intent of WAA. Students may be dismissed from WAA due to misconduct; transportation will not be provided for any students dismissed from the workshop.

Students who are extended and accept an invitation to WAA **MUST** complete the entire course. Students who, without prior consent from Show management, do not complete the course will forfeit further auction, educational opportunities, and college scholarship opportunities through the School Art Program.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to apply for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, a student must meet artistic and academic criteria. HLSR judge members will interview selected applicants and review their art portfolios as part of the final selection process.

Artistic: Applicants must be high school 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students whose artwork receives Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit or Finalist honors in the current year's School Art Program competition. Applicants who qualify for an interview must bring their portfolios and sketchbooks with them for review.

Academic Standing: To be eligible to apply, a student must be passing all subjects with a minimum grade of 70 at the time of application. If the applicant's interview will occur during a grading period other than the one when the application was made, the applicant must provide proof of academic eligibility. Academic eligibility will be verified by a school official and/or by documentation as required by the application.

Letter of Recommendation: A letter of recommendation from the student's art teacher **must** be included. Letters may be handwritten or typed but should not exceed one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, front and back. The letter of recommendation should be emailed to SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com from the art teacher's district email address. The student's name, school district and school name, grade level and art teacher's name must be in the upper right corner of the first page. The letter of recommendation should include, but is not limited to, the following points: the art teacher's assessment of how the student would benefit from participating in the WAA Workshop, the student's ability, talent and strengths, how the student handles criticism and maturity level of the student, and such personal observations that provide insight into the character of the student that would be helpful in the evaluation process.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please refer to the document titled *2025 School Art Electronic Application Guidance for Western Art Academy and Glassell Junior Applications* on <https://www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/school-art-contest/> for instructions on how to fill out the application electronically and how to submit the form electronically.

Applications will be given to eligible 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, whose artwork received Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit, or Finalist honors in the current year's competition. Applications are disseminated by Educational Opportunity Representatives (EORs) who are members of the School Art Committee and present at the judging. Communications regarding WAA may occur during the summer, therefore please provide an email address that can be checked frequently.

Applications must be emailed by the deadline date of February 3, 2025. The specific date also appears on the individual student's application packet envelope. Applications will not be returned and become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE: HLSR judge members conduct the evaluation and selection of applicants for the Western Art Academy. A personal interview and review of the applicant's portfolio are part of the final selection process. The final determination of the recipients and alternates is the decision of HLSR volunteers and is based on the application, interview, and portfolio review.

Interview: A member of the School Art Committee will notify you by March 10, 2025, if you have not been selected for an interview. Students who plan to apply for WAA should tentatively reserve March 29-30, 2025 for each student who qualifies for an interview and confirm the interview time in March.

Portfolio: Students selected for an interview **should be prepared to bring an art portfolio with a minimum of 5 examples of their most recent work in addition to a sketchbook/s.** Students may bring a digital portfolio, however this should be supplemental to, and not instead of a paper sketchbook. When possible, the student should also include a photo of the artwork that received an award at the current year's School Art competition.

If the applicant works in more than one medium, examples of work in each medium should be included. Examples can be the work itself (preferred) or a photo of the work. **You may not bring slides.**

Portfolio examples should show the range of the applicant's art interests, talent, artistic growth, and ability. Portfolio examples do not have to be of Western art subjects. Please include any work created from live models or pieces from a still life.

Suggestions for the portfolio to include, but not limited to:

1. 12 x 16 inches or larger of a self-portrait or portrait study drawn directly from life - not a photo reference (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
2. 12 x 16 inches or larger drawing of a hand (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
3. drawings done from life
4. sketches and or sketch book/s
5. examples of 3-dimensional work

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will not retain the portfolio.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENTS: Recipients of the Western Art Academy scholarship will be notified by members of the School Art Committee within the week after the interview.

Students who are selected for WAA are expected to fulfill their commitment to attend the course. Should any of the selected recipients be unable to attend, the next qualified alternate will fill that student's slot.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the School Art Scholarship Representative whose name and phone number is on the front of your scholarship envelope or contact the School Art staff coordinator, at 832-667-1110.

Applications must be completed and returned to School Art Program at the following email
SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
2025 Western Art Academy Summer Workshop
(Please Type or Print Clearly in Blue or Black Ink)

Full Name: _____ Female Male

Graduation

Student Email: _____ Year: _____
(not a school email)

Age: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Email(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

School District: _____ School: _____

Name of Sponsoring Art Teacher: _____

Teacher Phone: _____

Teacher Email: _____

2025 Show

Title and medium of qualifying piece of art: _____

Recognition received for 2024 Show: Best of Show Gold Medal Special Merit Finalist

Have you participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Program prior to this year? Yes No

Have you attended the Western Art Academy prior to this year? Yes No

Have you participated in the School Art Auction prior to this year? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe previous participation and honors received:

Briefly describe art instruction you have received either in school or in private lessons and the benefit you feel you have received from this additional experience:

List the art media in which you have worked:

List the awards or recognition you have received for your artwork and the dates of these honors. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary (include your name and school at the top of the page).

Please describe why you want to attend the WAA Workshop, what you hope to gain if selected to attend, and any information about you, your talent or circumstances that would help in evaluating your application properly (you may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

High School Official (Registrar or Principal)

I have examined this application for _____ and find the records to be true,
Student Name
accurate and complete. The applicant is eligible to apply and is passing all subjects with a 70 or better average grade. All required documentation is attached.

High School Official (Printed or Typed) title

Signature of High School Official email

Phone Number Date

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. If selected to receive a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, I understand that I am expected to abide by the policies governing the Western Art Academy. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

I hereby authorize any person, firm or entity to release to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, honors and awards. A copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or any other media.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

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