



Dear Member:

The Texas Rice Festival is very proud to offer a \$2,500.00 Membership Scholarship to the child or grandchild of one of our members. We appreciate your support of our organization and involvement with the festival and look forward to your continued participation. If you have an eligible senior and would like an application please call or come by the TRF office. I would be happy to email you an application. The deadline for entry is 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010.

The Texas Rice Festival held annually the first weekend in October, celebrates the rice harvest and is held as a tribute to generations of rice farmers and the agricultural industry throughout the State of Texas. Revenues generated support scholarship funds, agricultural projects and other charitable organizations.

We are very excited to bring this membership benefit to you to help your graduating senior follow their dreams. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the TRF Office at (409) 296-4404 or you can e-mail me at trf01@windstream.net. Applications may also be downloaded from the festival's website www.texasricefestival.org.

Sincerely,

Amy May
Executive Director

2010 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Award is to encourage and assist deserving young men and women desiring to further their education by attending an accredited college. The award will be \$2,500.00 to a graduating High School Senior.

- RULES:**
- 1) Selection of the recipient will be based on an essay. The content of the essay will be judged on how it relates to the chosen topic.
 - 2) The applicant must be a paid member or the child or grandchild of a paid member to apply. Membership dues must be paid by March 31, 2010.
 - 3) The essay must be typed and be a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 500 words.
 - 4) Applicant must have an average of "80" or better during their high school years. Transcript and college entrance examination scores are required to be attached to the application.
 - 5) A photo **must** be included to be used for promotional purposes. The photo can be any size; bush should be an original, not a scan of a picture.
 - 6) Essays will be judged by an outside teacher and reviewed by the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Committee. The decision of the committee will be final.
 - 7) Recipient will receive \$1250.00 at the beginning of the fall semester upon documentation of college enrollment of at least 12 hours: and at the beginning of the spring semester upon documentation of college enrollment of at least 12 hours and a GPA of 2.0 for the previous fall semester. Recipient must use this scholarship the fall and spring semesters immediately following high school graduation.
 - 8) If the recipient does not utilize any of the scholarship, the unused balance of the scholarship will revert to the Texas Rice Festival Scholarship Fund.



2010 MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ESSAY TOPIC: How will winning this scholarship help accomplish your goals?

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Parents/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Education Plans: _____ 4 yrs. Academic _____ Vocational, business or technical

College/Institute you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Area of intended study: _____

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent

Please return application to:

Texas Rice Festival

Attn: Membership Scholarship

P.O. Box 147, Winnie, Texas 77665

Or you may deliver it to the office at 307 East LeBlanc Road

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