



# 2024 Ray Ansotegui Over Educated Cowboy Scholarship Application

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 29, 2024

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Ray Ansotegui Scholarship

Dr. Raymond "Ray" P. Ansotegui was the consummate ambassador to the cowboy way of life. He supported the future of ranching by balancing the best of tradition with the newest research. Ray was always instilling confidence into youth who would become the next generation of cattlemen and women. It was of the utmost importance students not just learn "book facts," but came away with directly applicable knowledge, skills, and a healthy dose of common sense. His contributions to ranching in Montana and beyond are unquantifiable.

### Scholarship Amounts Awarded

There will be two \$2,000 scholarships awarded.

### Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicants must be seeking profession in the field of animal husbandry.
  - Majors such as Animal Science, Ag Business, Ag Education or Technology, Ag Production, Farm & Ranch Management and/or Ranching Systems are preferred
  - If other major of field of study, explain why it would be beneficial
- Applicants enrolled in Vocational and out of state schools will be accepted
- Applicant must be a member, or have at least one parent/guardian who is a member, of the Montana Stockgrowers Association
- Applicant must demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0

If you are interested in the scholarship but are not currently a MSGA member, join today! Student memberships start at just \$20/year.  
[www.mtbeef.org/membership/](http://www.mtbeef.org/membership/)

### Additional Requirements of Scholarship Recipients

- A 250-600 word essay on one of the following topics:
  - What do you believe are the biggest challenges facing the Agriculture Industry today?
  - When and what made you decide this was the industry for you?
  - Share a humorous or hurtful story that helped define who you are.
- Copy of transcript (*non-official transcripts are accepted*)
- Finalists will be invited to interview with members of the Ansotegui family

### Instructions

- Fill out printable application
- Please include essay and transcripts in the application
- **All materials must be postmarked by February 29, 2024.**

Applications are also available online at [www.mtbeeffoundation.org](http://www.mtbeeffoundation.org).

### Mailing Address:

Montana Stockgrowers Association  
c/o Foundation Scholarship  
420 N. California St., Helena, MT 59601

EMAIL: [foundation@mtbeef.org](mailto:foundation@mtbeef.org)

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR EMAILED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions about the scholarship application, please call the MSGA Office at (406) 442-3420 or email [foundation@mtbeef.org](mailto:foundation@mtbeef.org).



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## MSGA MEMBERSHIP

Are you a member of Montana Stockgrowers Association?

- Yes
- Yes, my parent/guardian is a MSGA member
- No, please send me membership information

If you are not the primary membership holder, who in your family holds a membership with the Montana Stockgrowers Association?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (First & Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Information

Name of College/University/Vocational Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s):

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities / Employment / Volunteer Work

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION *CONT.*

Please describe your previous experience in the Animal Husbandry industry:

Please explain your reason for applying for this scholarship.



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## ESSAY

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You may attach a separate document if needed.