

Bill Owen, Cowboy Artist, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

The purpose of Bill Owen, Cowboy Artist, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (known herein as BOCA) is to provide funds for educational programs beyond high school for the Arizona ranching community. This 501(c)(3) status, non-profit organization rely upon charitable donations and will provide a receipt for tax purposes.

A Note to Potential Applicants

The BOCA Scholarship Eligibility Requirements, Scholarship Application Procedures and the BOCA Scholarship Application forms are very specific. Potential applicants are urged to read them in their entirety to learn if they meet the qualifications for a BOCA Scholarship. Submit your application according to the Procedures. The BOCA Board of Directors will make the determination at the time of the annual review of applications (in early April), at which time you will receive written notification.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States, and an Arizona resident. An Arizona resident may attend an out-of-state school.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate, and are continuing education at a junior college, university or trade school (defined as accredited learning institution(s) which qualify for financial aid).
- BOCA Scholarship recipients are required to successfully complete 12 or more credit hours per semester.
- The applicant's parent(s) or grandparent(s) must be employed by or own an Arizona ranch; or the applicant must be employed by an Arizona ranch, and proof of employment must be provided.

Scholarship Application Procedures

- Applications are to be e-mailed or postmarked no earlier than January 1st and no later than March 10th.
- If mailing: Send by **Certified Mail only**, via the United States Postal Service.
- If e-mailing: you must obtain a confirmation e-mail from the BOCA Administrator. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, it is **your** responsibility to contact the administrator.
- Send applications to: Bill Owen, Cowboy Artist, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., at PO Box 563, Young, AZ 85554.
- The application is to be filled out in its entirety, sent in one e-mail or in one envelope, with **all** the required supporting information. Do not send multiple e-mails or envelopes.
- Provide a Copy of your Birth Certificate (1st Time Applicants Only).
- Provide TWO recommendation letters from someone other than family members (1st Time Applicants Only).
- An Application Checklist has been provided to help guide you through this process.
- **You may re-apply for the BOCA Scholarship every year in January**, put it on your calendar.

Please note: By submitting your signed BOCA Scholarship Application, you swear the information provided herein to be true, and grant permission for any information provided, on and/or submitted with this application to be reproduced in any manner on the BOCA website (www.AllAboutBOCA.org) and the BOCA Facebook page.

Scholarship awards and distribution of funds are strictly at the discretion of the BOCA Board of Directors, based upon, but not limited to, the requirements stated herein.

BOCA Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

If address shown above is a PO Box, list the physical address/location of your primary residence:

_____ Email: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ Are you an Arizona Resident? _____ Grade you're in: _____

High School Attended: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

College/Trade School Attended: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

How many in your immediate family will be attending college or trade school this year? _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

List the name(s) of your family member(s) who are affiliated with an Arizona ranch/ranches and their relation to you: _____

What is the ranch affiliation? Owner _____ Part-owner _____ Lease _____

Name and physical location of the Arizona ranch/ranches: _____

List the Brand Number(s) off the Arizona Department of Agriculture Brand Certificate(s) for the brand(s) used on the Arizona ranch/ranch(es) listed above:

If no member of your family is affiliated with an Arizona ranch, in order to qualify you must be employed by a working ranch and must:

1. Attach your earnings statement(s) from the Arizona ranch/ranch(es) you work on to this application
2. Note the name(s) and physical location(s) of the Arizona ranch/ranch(es) on your earnings statement(s), and the name(s) and phone number(s) of the person(s) you work for.

If you have received this Scholarship before, list the year(s) _____ You must also attach a grade transcript showing successful completion of 12 credit hours or more in the last semester BOCA funded toward.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ - _____ - _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Every item on this list is REQUIRED. Please be mindful of the requirements or the application will be denied. (Note - Official Transcripts are not required to file the 1ST year application).

_____ 1) Mail **or** E-mail all the required information in ONE envelope or ONE e-mail.

_____ 2) If Mailing: The envelope MUST be sent by Certified Mail to:

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Young, AZ 85554*

_____ 3) If emailing your application and documents, you must receive a confirmation from the BOCA administrator in response, to confirm receipt of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the Administrator to ensure your application has been received.

_____ 4) Copy of Birth Certificate MUST be provided (1st time Applicants Only).

_____ 5) A professional letter MUST be written to the BOCA Board of Directors, this is required every year you apply. Detailing the following information:

- Look up the format of a professional letter and utilize that knowledge.
- Tell us about yourself.
- What is your experience with the Ranch Life?
- What School do you currently attend?
- What are your extracurricular activities?
- What clubs do you or have you participated?
- What school(s) do you plan to attend?
- What are your education goals?
- What other scholarships have you applied for?
- Have you been approved for any of the scholarships?
- What do you plan to do after graduation?

_____ 6) Name, address, and phone number of the school you plan to attend.

_____ 7) Total tuition for both Fall and Spring Semester?

_____ 8) Total Books and Labs for both the Fall and Spring Semester?

_____ 9) TWO letters of recommendation **MUST** be provided, by someone other than family members (1st Time Applicants Only).

****REMEMBER – YOU MAY RE-APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP EVERY YEAR****