

2026 PURINA MILLS - YCLC SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Purina along with NMCGA Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee (YCLC) will award two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Must be a member of New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association or a child of an Association member. Membership ID # is required.
2. Must be a 1) High School Senior 2) College Freshman 3) College Sophomore or 4) College Junior in good academic standing with an above average GPA (at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale).
3. Scholarships shall be awarded once. Scholarships to be awarded in December of application calendar year (2026).
4. Scholarship shall be applied to any College or University.
5. Scholarship monies will be made payable directly to the winning applicant to be used for academic expenses: i.e. tuition, books, fees, room and board.
6. Applicants may apply for Purina/Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee Scholarships in multiple calendar years, but are only eligible to receive the scholarship twice. Preference will not be given to previous winners.
7. All applications will be numbered and names withheld from scholarship committee until after a recipient has been selected.
8. All applications must be typed. **NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
8. All applications **MUST HAVE** a College or High School Transcript attached.
9. **Application deadline is October 15, 2026.** Applications received by NMCGA Office after the deadline will be accepted if postmarked on or before 10/15/2026. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
10. Mail complete applications to: NMCGA / PO Box 850 /Moriarty, NM 87035 or email to nmcga20@gmail.com Additional questions can be directed to the NMCGA Office by calling 505-247-0584.
11. All applications will be judged on a 100 point scale. The scale is as follows:

GPA – 5 pts	Organizations – 5 pts
Academic Honors – 10 pts	Essay # 1 – 30 pts
School Activities and Clubs – 5 pts	Essay # 2 – 25 pts
Community Activities and	Financial need – 20 pts

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Applicant Name: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Phone #: _____ Applicant Email: _____

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Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Application # _____

Judges Total Score: _____

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Father's
Occupation: _____

Mother's
Occupation: _____

Where Employed: _____

Where Employed: _____

Length of Service: _____

Length of Service: _____

Number of dependent children (including applicant) in family: _____

Are any other members of the family in college: _____ If so how many? _____

College Student:

What College are you now attending? _____

What is your major: _____ Minor: _____

High School Student:

Have you applied for entrance to any college/university? _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Rejected: _____

What field do you plan to major in? _____

Have you already received any scholarships? _____

Scholarship amount? _____

High School attended? _____ from _____ to _____

College _____ from _____ to _____

Both High School & College Students Academic Honors (10 pts):

School connected clubs and activities (5 pts):

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Community/ Extracurricular Involvement: i.e. clubs, organizations, sports etc (5 pts):

(Please attach separate pages for the following essays and bio.)

In your own words, answer the following, **“Describe an experience that strengthened your commitment to agriculture and explain how it influenced your future goals.”**

Please limit your response to approximately 250 words or less. Please type, you may use a separate attachment. Include word count here _____. (Essay # 1 - 30 pts)

In your own words, **discuss one topic that is currently affecting the agricultural industry and its implications on the future of agriculture.** Please limit your response to approximately 250 words or less.

Please type, you may use a separate attachment. Include word count here _____.
(Essay # 2 – 25 pts.)

Applicant Biography (please send a high resolution photo to nmcga20@gmail.com)

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In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain an above average GPA (at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale) while demonstrating acceptable standards of citizenship and character to continue qualifying in succeeding years when the stipend covers more than one year.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NMCGA Membership ID #: _____

An official transcript of the applicant's school record will be provided by the high school/college and must accompany application.

I hereby agree to permit review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the donors for this scholarship.

I, also state that I am a member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association or the child of a member.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if under 18 years of age.)

Deadline: October 15, 2026

Please return completed application and transcripts to:

New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
P.O. Box 850
Moriarty, NM 87035

Applications may be emailed to: nmcga20@gmail.com

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