

## **Senior Interview Scholarship 2025-2026**

Congratulations, I hope you are enjoying your senior year of high school. It has been a pleasure having you share your time with us in the Michigan High School Rodeo Association. Our board members wish you the best as you make plans for the next journey of your life. Now is the time for you to apply for your senior interview scholarship. I will be available to help you with the process. Included are the requirements for the application process along with what to expect on the interview day.

### **Application Process:**

- Postmarked by January 12, 2026
- Mail to:
  - Vickie McGillis 238 N Rhodes Rd Tawas City, MI 48763
- Applications received after the deadline will be accepted but points deducted.

### **What to include in your application:**

- Scholarship application
- Official high school transcripts
- Two reference letters.
- Letters must not be related to or involved in MHSRA.
- Responses to the following topics, in 100 words or less per topic:
  - The pathway to your career, as you envision it now.
  - Your perception of the importance of today's "Western Lifestyle".
  - What you feel is the most significant value of the NHSRA membership.
- Two additional pages of your choice. They could be a list of accomplishments, resume, pictures, or college acceptance letters.
- One copy in any form of folder should be mailed. An additional five copies should be brought with you for the judges to review.

### **Interview Process:**

- Interviews will be held January 24th.
  - Interviews are held in conjunction with Cowboy Prom and the Mid-Winter Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Midland. • Interviews will run approximately 10-15 minutes.
- Interview times will be selected by a draw.
- You will receive a call/text/email during the week of January 12th with your interview time.
- There will be directions posted in the hotel directing you to the interview room and waiting area.
- Western attire, including your back number, is mandatory for the senior interview. Please be considerate, kind, and polite to the other candidates, volunteers and hotel staff that make this possible.

### **Receiving your scholarship award:**

- Traditionally, scholarships are announced at the Michigan State University MHSRA rodeo in March.
- Applicants will be awarded money based on their interviews, application, and involvement in MHSRA.
- Seniors have two years to complete educational courses and apply for allotted scholarship monies.
- To receive scholarship monies, the member must request his/her award in writing, including proof of grades or course completion on official school/military letterhead within two years of high school graduation.
- Three letters of written request and proof of course completion must be sent to everyone; National Director, President, and Secretary.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

### **Scholarship Committee**

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