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reACT Tobacco-Free Rodeo Scholarship Application

The reACT Tobacco-Free Rodeo Campaign honors high school rodeo competitors in Montana who have pledged to be tobacco-free and have served as an example of a tobacco-free leader in their community. Six finalists will be chosen from the pool of applicants. An interview process will be held to determine the exact awards. There will be two \$2,000 scholarships, two \$1,000 scholarships and four \$500 scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for a reACT Tobacco-Free Rodeo College Scholarship, each scholarship applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a member, in good standing, of the Montana High School Rodeo Association, and have plans to enter his/her freshman year of college or technical school as a full time student in the fall of 2022.
2. Applicant must graduate high school with a 2.0 GPA or higher.
3. Applicant must have previous experience and knowledge about tobacco prevention and be able to demonstrate knowledge of tobacco free rodeo policies.
4. Applicant must have completed a tobacco prevention project in their community.
 - a. Please be specific about your project, i.e. Policy Change, Presentation, School Activity, etc.
5. Applicant must be willing to be a spokesperson for tobacco free rodeo /policies while in college.
6. Applicant must have signed a reACT Tobacco-Free Rodeo pledge. All pledges MUST have been signed and recorded at a Tobacco Free Rodeo Series event.
7. Each scholarship applicant must **electronically** submit a completed scholarship application before the deadline of Friday, May 27th, to the Montana Tobacco Free Rodeo Program at tobaccofreerodeo406@yahoo.com; any non-electronic submitted scholarships will not be considered. Please only email them to the above email address to alleviate confusion (DO NOT send them to the MHSRA or DPHHS) they will only ask you to send them to the above address. Thank you.
8. If selected as a Scholarship Finalist the applicant must attend a scholarship interview via a Zoom virtual meeting that will be held after the MHSRA Finals. The Zoom interviews will take place the week of June 13th. (Finalists are chosen by a committee based on this application.)

*If you have any problems with this form or for additional questions, please contact Julie Russell at 406-853-3617 or tobaccofreerodeo406@yahoo.com.

*The scholarship application is due on **Friday, May 27th**. Please submit your completed scholarship application **electronically** to Julie Russell at email address: tobaccofreerodeo406@yahoo.com. Please also text me at 406-853-3617 when you email your application so that I can be sure I receive it. We have had issues in the past where Julie never did receive an email a student thought they had sent.



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General Information

Applicant's Full Name:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Email Address:

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Phone Number:

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Parents Name:

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Home Address:

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Phone Number:

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High School Information

Current School:

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reACT advisor name or school counselor:

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Phone Number:

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Name of college or technical school you plan on attending:

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Honors Received

Please list all extracurricular activities on and off campus during high school, indicating the years participated and any honors received. (Example: reACT youth group – 2 years; Rodeo – 3 years; Track – 3 years, qualified for state)

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“Tobacco-Free” Pledge

A Tobacco Free Pledge must be signed at a Tobacco Free Rodeo Series event, and will be on file. This must be signed in order to qualify for the scholarship. Please describe why you signed the “Tobacco-Free” pledge and at which Rodeo you signed.

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Please describe your involvement in your community reACT youth group and / or Tobacco Prevention activities.

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If chosen for this scholarship, how do you plan on being an ambassador for the tobacco free movement at your college?

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Education Plans

Please state your plans for future education and/or goals, profession, and activities including dates, institutions, and locations. (Please note that MHSRA scholarships require the successful completion of the first semester of college or equivalent training/profession to receive any scholarship.) This means that your scholarship money will be available to you for your second semester.

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Rodeo

Please outline your rodeo accomplishments.

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How has the Montana Tobacco-Free Rodeo affected you and how have you promoted it to your peers?

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In the last 50 years how has tobacco use and the tobacco companies' sponsorship changed in Rodeo?

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What is your opinion on the impact and change from regular cigarette and chew advertising to the advertising of Vapes and other Nicotine delivery devices? And how has this affected young people.

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How do you feel tobacco free fairgrounds and parks would impact your community?

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If you are chosen as one of the 8 finalists for a zoom interview, you will be expected to:

1. Create a power point outlining your project(s). (So I hope you have taken pictures!) You may also make a poster board if you wish, but this is not necessary.
2. Answer 5 or 6 questions during the interview with the Scholarship Committee.
3. Deliver a 5-7 minute presentation during interview, you may use your power point for this presentation (it will be timed- deductions for under or over time) the presentation should be on:
 - a. What does reACT/ tobacco prevention mean to you? Why does reACT/ tobacco prevention matter to you?
 - b. What did you learn from your experiences while participating in reACT/ or tobacco prevention activities?
 - c. Why is tobacco policy change important in communities? What has been done in your community related to tobacco free policy changes?
 - d. How will you carry the tobacco prevention message forward into college and into your adult life?
 - e.

(Hint: Please do not tell us what reACT stands for or what it is, we already know. We also understand that you are going to lead by example, what we are looking for is: How are you going to continue to promote the tobacco free movement and work for policy change in your community, in college, and on into your adult life?)

Scholarship applicants are encouraged to:

- a. Wear Tobacco Free Rodeo Patches on their shirts to show support for the cause. And wear a red shirt on Friday of the MHSRA Finals.

Scholarship winners are encouraged to:

- a. Wear Tobacco Free Rodeo Patches on their shirts to show support for the cause (if allowed in College Rodeo).
- b. Complete at least one tobacco prevention project per semester & report on it during their first year of college