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RE: SPRING REMINDERS

1st Semester Grades – YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR FALL SEMESTER GRADES TO UPDATE YOUR ELIGIBILITY. Fall semester grades are due to the State Office before the "Membership Card Must Be Complete By" date listed on each rodeo listing in the Cowboy's Digest and on the website. If your grades are not in by the date listed, you will be ineligible to enter with Central Entry. Grades may be mailed, faxed 464-2686, or emailed to the State Office.

Spring 2019 Schedule – The spring rodeo/cutting schedule is posted on the website. There will not be any District rodeos or cuttings held again this season.

Verify Eligibility - Check your eligibility status on the MHSRA website. If your name is not on the eligible members list, you are not eligible to rodeo, cut, or participate in MHSRA sanctioned events. Note: if grades are not received before the first rodeo opens for online entries then memberships will be marked ineligible, then members will be made eligible as fall semester grades, turn out payments and medical releases are received. Remember that you will also need to turn in your spring semester grades at the State Finals rodeo in June.

State Rodeo Finals 2019 – The MHSRA State Rodeo Finals will be held at Baker County Fairgrounds, June 3-8, 2019. The entry fees at state will be \$100 per event plus a mandatory \$30 jack pot fee per event. All office fees, gate fees, judges' fees, and Central Entry fees are included in the \$100 entry fee. Registration for camping and stalls will be done with the host committee. **STALL FEES AT STATE ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.** Please pay attention to the due dates on that paperwork. The State Finals Rodeo Central Entry date will be Tuesday, May 28, 2019 if you need to find a partner. Online entries will be open May 7 – 27th.

MHSRA Board of Directors – Each district has two State Directors that are elected by MHSRA members. The State Directors then represent each member of their district. A member can contact their state directors any time they have a question. State Directors attend all MHSRA sanctioned rodeos and cuttings as well as regular MHSRA board of director's meetings and are well informed of the day to day practice and business of MHSRA. State Directors contact information can be found on the Meet the Directors page of our website or listed in the Cowboy's Digest.

Scholarship Information – Senior scholarship application information will be available on the MHSRA website in March 2019. This will be on the forms page.

Fundraiser Raffle Tickets – This is a reminder that each member must sell at least 30 raffle tickets and mail them to Billie Harms by the April 30, 2019, (postmarked) deadline in order to enter the State Finals rodeo. Each member received 40 raffle tickets in their membership packet. After you have sold your raffle tickets, submit your payment along with the ticket stubs. **Do Not Send Cash. If you send cash, this may cause a delay in processing your ticket sales.** No late tickets will be accepted to meet the membership requirements. No Exceptions. You can continue to sell tickets up until the day of the drawing, but you must have your first 30 tickets sold and turned in by April 30, 2019. Billie will keep a running total of the tickets each member has sold. More tickets can be obtained by contacting the State Offices. Other important deadlines and opportunities for this 2018-2019 raffle fundraiser include:

- **Clinic Scholarships:** Any member that sells **40** tickets and has their money and ticket stubs mailed in to Billie Harms by April 30th, 2019, will be eligible to receive \$100 towards a rodeo school/clinic. The school must be MHSRA sanctioned. This is a great opportunity, please take advantage of it. If you are interested in a rodeo school or clinic, please have them contact the MHSRA State Office to receive approval paperwork. Only those schools or clinics covered under MHSRA insurance are MHSRA approved and sanctioned.
- **Seniors:** All senior members in good standing who submit a scholarship application and participates in the interview process during the 2019 State Finals Rodeo will be awarded a \$300 scholastic scholarship if no other scholarship was offered to you.
- **Raffle Ticket Sales:** You can check your ticket sales online. Go to the Fundraiser page on our website, scroll to the bottom of the page and you will find a list of members who have sold and turned in tickets, along with the number of tickets they have sold. This list will be updated at the end of every month.

Good luck to each of you this spring.

Best Regards,
Laurie Harrell
MHSRA State Secretary

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**Send raffle ticket stubs and sales
money to:**

Billie Harms
8199 Hwy 59 South
Miles City, MT 59301

DO NOT SEND CASH!
