

# MDHSRA Naylor-Smith Memorial Scholarship 2021

For the 2021 Season up to two (2) scholarships will be awarded, the number changes annually based on the funds available and per the Board's decision. Applications are due by May 22nd and may be submitted via email to Ms. Katie Axline at [kbn79@hotmail.com](mailto:kbn79@hotmail.com) or mailed to PO Box 2682, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Hard copies of the application will be available at check-in for the Benton, PA Rodeo and State Finals Rodeo or can be downloaded and printed off the website. Applications not received (in-hand or by email) by Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> will not be considered. Post mark dates will not be considered as submitted.

Information and Scores for all sections will be reviewed and consolidated to pick scholarship winners. Winners will be announced at the Naylor-Smith Memorial Rodeo on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Applicants should plan to attend the event.

Once the Initial Criteria (below) is met and the application has been submitted each qualified applicant will be contacted and will need to participate in a Question/Answer session with a panel of judges the first week of June. *Only applicants that are in the top 3 of at least one of their events after Finals will be considered for the scholarship and will be granted an interview.*

## Initial Qualifications:

- Upperclassmen (Junior/Senior or Home School Equivalent)
- MDHSRA Member in Good Standing (all dues, fees and ticket sales and entry fees paid)
- Current or Former MDHSRA Student Board Member -OR- Active in Community/School/Church Volunteer Programs

There will be 5 judges and one alternate – high and low scores will be dismissed in each section, and three remaining will be added together to determine winner. Total possible points per judge is 50 broken down as follows in two sections. Maximum total judged points is 150.

- Application Completion and Essay: 1-25 Total Possible
- In Person Question/Answer: 1-25 Possible Points

Final selection criteria will be arena performance using the point system below.

- Arena Performance: 1-50 Possible Points

**Arena Performance Point System** – must be in top 3 of at least one event to qualify for consideration (50 Possible Points):

Entered Finals: 10 points

Number of Events Top 3 Placings (Determined after Performances for Finals are Completed)

- 1 – Mandatory – 10 points
- 2 – 15 points
- 3 – 20 points
- 4 – 30 points
- 5+ - 40 points

**Highest Total Score for any applicant is 200.**