



## Ray Hicks Memorial Georgia Hereford Youth Scholarship

The Ray Hicks Memorial Georgia Hereford Youth Scholarship will annually award one Georgia Junior Hereford Association member \$500 towards the purchase of a registered Hereford animal.

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Ray Hicks who passed away in 2020. Ray was an active member of the Georgia Hereford Association for over 35 years, serving in several roles as a board member, president and secretary. Ray was also an advisor for the Georgia Junior Hereford Association. He was inducted into the Georgia Hereford Hall of Fame in 2018.

### Purpose:

- To recognize hard-working, dedicated young people who are interested in Hereford cattle production and/or exhibition.
- To assist youth who embody the standards of excellence demonstrated through the Georgia Junior Hereford Association.
- To encourage leadership development and to foster an awareness of the importance of agriculture and to encourage an appreciation of the values and opportunities of rural life.

### Qualifications:

- The applicant must be a Georgia resident and current member of the Georgia Junior Hereford Association.
- New qualified applicants will be considered before previous recipients.
- Scholarship can be used towards the purchase of any registered Hereford animal, including but not limited to show heifers or steers, replacement heifers, bulls, or cows/pairs. Amount of scholarship will not exceed \$500.
- If a decision is made by the committee that no applicant is qualified, no scholarship will be awarded. Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the committee. Their decision is final.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed and judged by a committee of friends and family of Ray Hicks. The winning applicant will be notified by March 22, 2024.

After being awarded a scholarship, the recipient must submit to the Scholarship Committee proof of purchase (bill of sale) of a registered Hereford animal and a written request for the funds. Payment will then be made either directly to the youth or to the seller/breeder. Request must be made by the end of the calendar year in which the scholarship was awarded or funds will be forfeited.

Completed Scholarship Applications and letter of recommendation are due in-hand by **March 15, 2024**. Email is the preferred method of delivery to [sandbriarfarms@gmail.com](mailto:sandbriarfarms@gmail.com). If mailing, please address to:

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