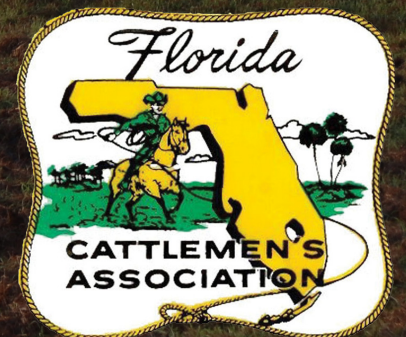


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Florida Cattlemen's Association / Florida Cattlemen's Foundation

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ALLIED SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE:

To provide funds for educational assistance at the Junior/Senior college level, for qualified students from an agricultural background.

FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION:

Funded by the Allied Members of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, the scholarship is administered by a committee with representatives from the Allied Members' Committee, FCA Board of Directors, and the Florida CattleWomen, Inc.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Two awards in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded. This will be awarded at the annual FCA Convention Allied Members' Awards Programs. The recipient (s) will be notified no later than May 15 of each year to allow for the opportunity to attend the awards ceremony at the convention, which is usually held during the month of June.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The parents must be a member of the FCA, FCW or the person has to be a collegiate member of the association with membership in good standing at least six months prior to submitting application for scholarship.
2. Scholarship applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Florida post-secondary state or private institution, and must have completed courses to satisfy at least the sophomore requirements, so that the student will be entering at least the junior year or post graduate courses during the year the scholarship is awarded.

APPLICATION:

1. Type or print attached **application** form.
2. Submit at least **3 recommendation letters** addressed to the FCA Allied Members Awards Committee, from any community or organizational leaders other than elected or appointed public officials, or members of the FCA / FCW organizations. These may be provided by your high school principal, college dean, employer (s), guidance counselors, minister, or student club advisors, among others.
3. Submit the most up-to-date **transcript** available at the time of the application deadline.
4. Submit a **typed essay** at least 250 words, but not more than 500 words, explaining your college ambitions, tentative career plans, and any arrangements you may have already made this regard. The essay should sell you as the best candidate to receive the scholarship award.
5. Submit a **listing of your high school and college extra-curricular clubs and activities**. Be sure to include names and current phone numbers of advisors, principals, or other for verification purposes.
6. Submit a **listing of your scholarship achievements** (honors and awards), **agriculture activities** (FFA, 4-H), part-time and or summer **employment**, including responsibilities, and **any other special awards or activities** from your high school and college years. (SCRAPBOOK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

DUE APRIL 1ST (SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED)

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**ALLIED MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? _____ (Y/N) Birth Date _____

Florida Resident for _____ Years & _____ Months

Planned Major: _____

Planned Minor: _____

High School GPA: _____ Current College GPA: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Do you plan to change schools within the next year? _____ (Y/N)

If yes, where do you plan to go? _____

Have you received this scholarship in the past? _____ (Y/N) If yes, what year? _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Which best describes the permanent residence of your family during your Elementary - High School Years? Rural Farm _____, Rural Non-Farm _____, Urban _____
of years # of years # of years

I certify that all information given in this application and the supportive materials is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

CARLTON D MCKETTRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Carlton D. McKettrick Memorial Scholarship for college upperclassmen and graduates students studying agriculture has been established by the McKettrick family, the Florida Cattlemen's Association and the Florida Cattlemen's Foundation.

Carlton Dewitt "Carl" McKettrick was serving as the Florida Association of Livestock Markets Representative on the Florida Cattlemen's Association Executive Board when he passed away suddenly in May 2015. He served many years as a volunteer leader in the industry he loved being both the President of FALM and the Desoto County Cattlemen's Association.

For several years Carl dreamed of building a new state -of- the-art livestock market. The Arcadia Stockyard, completed in 2005 stands as the realization of that dream. Since its opening Carl has graciously hosted numerous cattle industry activities, eager to share his passion for the cattle industry. He was especially generous to youth groups with the goal of nurturing their interest in the cattle business.

PURPOSE:

Established in 2015, and initially awarded in 2016, to provide funds for educational assistance at the Junior/Senior or graduate college level for qualified students to pursue an agricultural degree.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Florida Cattlemen's Foundation – Scholarship Committee

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Two awards in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded. This will be awarded at the annual FCA Annual Convention. The recipient(s) will be notified no later than May 15 of each year to allow for the opportunity to attend the awards ceremony at the convention, which is usually held during the month of June. Financial award maybe used for Tuition & Fees only. Award will be distributed in one single Semester and will be payable to the institution at which the student is enrolled in.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant must be a member of the FCA or have a family member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association in good standing at least six months prior to submitting application for scholarship (October 1 of year prior to applying in April).
2. Scholarship applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Florida post-secondary state or private institution, and must have completed courses to satisfy at least the sophomore requirements, so that the student will be entering at least the junior year or post graduate courses during the year the scholarship is awarded.
3. Applicant must have an Agricultural related major of study.
4. Applicant must show a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

APPLICATION:

1. Application Form
2. One (1) letter of recommendation.
3. Most up-to-date transcript available at time of submission.
4. Typed 300-600 word essay. Prompt:
How has agriculture affected your life and what aspect will your college plans further your agricultural goals?

DUE APRIL 1ST (SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED)

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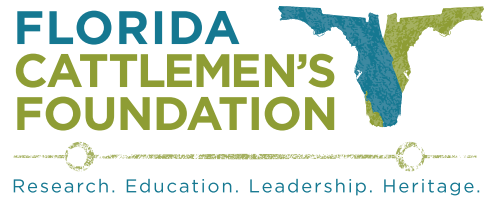
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**CARLTON D. MCKETTRICK
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST
(POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**



Date: _____

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____

School Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you a United States Citizen ____ Yes ____ No Birth Date: _____

Resident of Florida _____ Years _____ Months

Planned Major Area of Study: _____

Planned Minor Area of Study: _____

GPA Upon High School Graduation: _____ Current College GPA: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Do you plan to change schools within the next year? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, where do you plan to go? _____

Have you received this scholarship in the past? ____ No ____ Yes, in the year _____

Name of Parent or Guardian that is an FCA member in good standing as of October 1st of
the previous year _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Which of these best describes the permanent residence of your family during your
Elementary and High School years?

Rural Farm # Years _____ Rural Non-Farm # Years _____ Urban # Years _____

I certify that all information given in this application and the supportive materials is true,
correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____ Signature _____

Attach: Letter of Recommendation, Transcript, and Essay.

WILLIAM 'BILL' A BARTHLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The William "Bill" Albert Barthle Memorial Scholarship for college upperclassmen and graduate students studying agriculture has been established by the Barthle family, the Florida Cattlemen's Association (FCA) and the Florida Cattlemen's Foundation (FCF).

Bill was a past Pasco County Cattlemen's Association President, served numerous years as a FCA State Director, and was an involved member of the FCA Executive Committee for several years. He was the Chairman of the Pasco County Fair Association Beef Committee at the time of his passing in January of 2021.

PURPOSE:

Established in 2021, and initially awarded in 2022, to provide funds for educational assistance at the Junior/Senior or graduate, college level for qualified students to pursue an agricultural degree.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Florida Cattlemen's Foundation – Scholarship Committee

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Two awards in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded. This will be awarded at the annual FCA Annual Convention. The recipient (s) will be notified no later than May 15 of each year to allow for the opportunity to attend the awards ceremony at the convention, which is usually held during the month of June. Financial award maybe used for Tuition & Fees only. Award will be distributed in one single Semester and will be payable to the institution at which the student is enrolled in.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant must be a member of the FCA or have a family member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association in good standing at least six months prior to submitting application for scholarship (October 1 of year prior to applying in April).
2. Scholarship applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Florida post-secondary state or private institution, and must have completed courses to satisfy at least the sophomore requirements, so that the student will be entering at least the junior year or post graduate courses during the year the scholarship is awarded.
3. Applicant must have an Agricultural related major of study
4. Applicant must show a minimum of a 2.0 GPA

APPLICATION:

1. Application Form
2. One (1) letter of recommendation.
3. Most up-to-date transcript available at time of submission.
4. Typed 300-600 word essay. Prompt:
How has agriculture affected your life and what aspect will your college plans further your agricultural goals?

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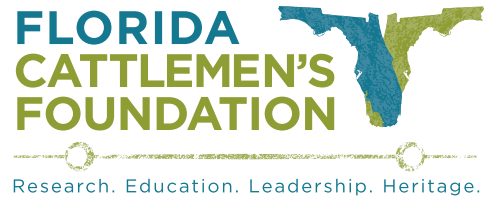
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**WILLIAM 'BILL' ALBERT BARTHLE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST
(POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**



Date: _____

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____

School Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you a United States Citizen ____ Yes ____ No Birth Date: _____

Resident of Florida _____ Years _____ Months

Planned Major Area of Study: _____

Planned Minor Area of Study: _____

GPA Upon High School Graduation: _____ Current College GPA: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Do you plan to change schools within the next year? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, where do you plan to go? _____

Have you received this scholarship in the past? ____ No ____ Yes, in the year _____

Name of Parent or Guardian that is an FCA member in good standing as of October 1st of the previous year _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Which of these best describes the permanent residence of your family during your Elementary and High School years?

Rural Farm # Years _____ Rural Non-Farm # Years _____ Urban # Years _____

I certify that all information given in this application and the supportive materials is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____ Signature _____

Attach: Letter of Recommendation, Transcript, and Essay.



COWMAN/COWWOMAN AWARD

PURPOSE:

This purpose of this award is to recognize, honor and preserve the memory of deceased members who during their lifetime made substantial and significant contributions to the cattle industry in Florida.

ELIGIBILITY:

A deceased member who during his or her lifetime was never a Past President or Honorary Director.

One application per county will be accepted each year.

APPLICATION:

The local county association, in submitting recommendations of a proposed Cowman/CowWoman, shall also submit a case history of his/her accomplishments in the pursuit of livestock farming; with a summary of the contribution made to the livestock industry. One photo of the nominee must be included with the application.

ONCE APPROVED:

You will be contacted for a complete history, photographs and other supporting information.

Each Cowman/CowWoman's family will receive four (4) complimentary tickets for the banquet the night the award is to be received. Additional event tickets will be available for purchase if needed.

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**COWMAN/COWWOMAN NOMINATION FORM
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**

Name of Nominee: _____

County Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Background Information/ Biography of Nominee:

Contact Information for Person Making Nomination

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

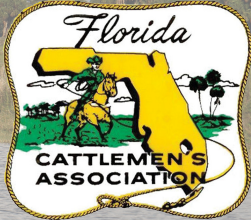
County Officer Signatures Required:

County President- Print Name

County Secretary- Print Name

County President- Signature

County Secretary- Signature



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE:

The FCA Environmental Stewardship Award Program began in 1991 and has created a great deal of positive public attention. This award recognizes cattle producers for the activities they do every day in the preservation and enhancement of this nation’s natural resources. The winner of the Florida Environmental Stewardship award will be nominated for the NCBA Region II Stewardship Award the following year.

ELIGIBILITY:

All nominees must be signed up and implementing the BMP’s for nutrient management for cow/calf operations.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**

Name of Nominee: _____

County Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information for Nominee

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

County Officer Signatures Required:

County President- Print Name

County Secretary- Print Name

County President- Signature

County Secretary- Signature

County President- Phone #

County Secretary- Phone #

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)

****Information in this application may be used for publicity****

Name of Operation: _____

Location (s): _____

SECTION I- DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION (If more room is needed, attach additional sheets)

Nature of Present Operation: (Discuss the type of operation relative to production agriculture, e.g., cow/calf, feedlot, stockers, other livestock included, farming.)

History of Operation: (Discuss length of ownership, significant changes in structure or operation plan, activities to protect or enhance beneficial environmental attributes)

Brief Ecological Description: (List and locate ecosystems, cover types, terrain, water systems, rainfall, etc.)

SECTION III- STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Describe Stewardship Achievements For Any/All Of The Following Resource Systems:

A. Energy Systems: types used, fuel storage, use reduction, etc.

B. Water Systems; surface water use, detention/retention, withdrawal/return; ground water use, recharge: waste water use/disposal/treatment, etc.

C. Air pollution control systems

D. Noteworthy vegetation systems; natural or cultivated, native or exotic plants

E. Wildlife protection, enhancement, habitat restoration, cooperative management programs, etc.

F. Soil Systems

G. Are there any unique natural areas protected on the property?

H. Impacts on neighboring properties

2. How Have Stewardship Practices Affected The Cattle Operation, Including Productivity And Profitability?

3. Discuss Any Of The Following Which May Be Appropriate To The Nominee.

A. Leadership activities; in local, state or national industry groups; promotion of stewardship, non-agricultural groups.

B. Participation in cooperative research, demonstration, education, or governmental programs promoting some aspect of stewardship.

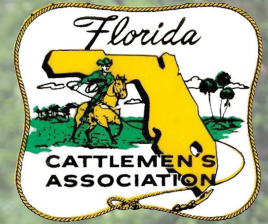
C. Wildlife or vegetation management practices that enhance natural resources.

D. Surface and groundwater management programs which promote good stewardship.

4. What Reasons Would The Nominee Give To Encourage Other Producers To Use Appropriate Similar Management Practices On Their Operations?

5. What Has The Nominee Done To Improve The Public's Perception Of The Cattle Industry's Stewardship Contributions?

FARM CREDIT & FCA OUTSTANDING RANCHER AND LEADER AWARD



Farm Credit Association of Florida, in cooperation with Florida Cattlemen's Association, has established this award.

PURPOSE:

This award was created to recognize an individual who actively furthers Florida Cattlemen's Association business and its objectives; adopts progressive management practices in his/her own ranching business and shares that knowledge in a leadership role with others.

ELIGIBILITY:

The nominee must be an active FCA member in good standing to be considered for this award. Nominees must meet the criteria specified in the award's purpose.

NOMINATION:

Any county association may submit one nominee per year. Nominations must be submitted online or by POST MARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1st, to Florida Cattlemen's Association, PO Box 421929, Kissimmee, FL 34742-1929.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Nominations received will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the FCA President-elect, Past President and Secretary of FCA. A winner will be selected by May 1st and will be notified by mail.

AWARD:

The award will be presented at the annual FCA convention and will consist of a plaque and cash prize of \$350.

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FARM CREDIT AND FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING RANCHER AND LEADER NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

County Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

1. LIST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE LAST 12 TO 18 MONTHS

2. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES - INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY, STATE OR NATIONAL GROUPS, INCLUDING OUTSIDE INTEREST

3. OTHER INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES UTILIZED

5. WHAT HAS THE NOMINEE DONE TO FURTHER FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND ITS OBJECTIVES?

6. HOW HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN A LEADER IN SHARING HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WITH OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY THEM IN THEIR OPERATIONS?

MUST INCLUDE HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTO WITH NOMINATION

Find this application Online:
www.FloridaCattlemen.org

Mail Completed Nomination To:
Florida Cattlemen's Association
P.O. Box 421929
Kissimmee, FL 34742-1929



HONORARY DIRECTOR AWARD

PURPOSE:

The Honorary Director distinction is designed to recognize those senior members who have been active and prominent in the activities of their County and the State Cattlemen Associations. While not having the power to vote, Honorary Directors shall have the power to discuss and advise on all questions discussed at a Board of Director's meeting.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for this distinction, one must be nominated by his/her county association, have passed the generally recognized retirement age of 65, and must have been active and prominent in the work of the Florida Cattlemen's Association.

Past Presidents of the Florida Cattlemen's Association shall not be eligible nominees for Honorary Director status.

One application per county will be accepted each year.

APPLICATION:

The local county association, in submitting recommendations of a proposed Honorary Director, is also required to submit a case history of his/her accomplishments in the pursuit of livestock farming; with a summary of the contribution made to the livestock industry. One photo of the nominee must be included with the application.

ONCE APPROVED:

If your nominee is approved to receive this award, you will be contacted for a complete history, photographs and other supporting information.

Nominees approved by the Executive Board shall be installed as Honorary Directors during the annual meeting.

Each Honorary Director will receive only two tickets to the banquet the night the award is to be received. Other family members or their representatives will have the opportunity to purchase additional event tickets. County Associations may elect to pay dues for their Honorary Directors, but this is solely the decision of each county association.

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HONORARY DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)

Name of Nominee: _____

County Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Name of Person Nominating: _____

E-Mail of Person Nominating: _____

Phone # of Person Nominating: _____

Nominee Contact Information

Phone #: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Background Information/ Biography of Nominee:

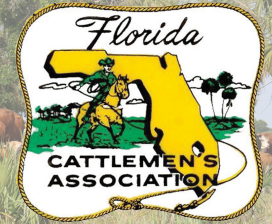
County Officer Signatures Required:

County President- Print Name

County Secretary- Print Name

County President- Signature

County Secretary- Signature



“REACH OUT” AWARD

PURPOSE:

To recognize a member of FCA who has been most proactive in communicating facts about the beef cattle industry to the community at large. A criteria to be considered includes, but need not to be limited to, speaking engagements, public testimony official hearings and workshops, involvement in civic organizations, ranch tours, participation in Farm City Week and similar programs, Letter to-the- Editor communications, other publications and local elected or appointed service.

ELIGIBILITY:

The nominee must be an FCA member in good standing to be considered for this award.

NOMINATION:

The recipients must be nominated by an affiliated organization. The affiliated organization can nominate from the entire field of FCA membership. One photo of the nominee must be included with the application.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Nominations from the affiliated organizations go directly to a Selection Committee comprised of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Environmental and Private Lands Management Committee and three other members appointed by the President. The Selection Committee shall select the winner by majority approval. The Award shall be presented by the President and any other persons he deems appropriate during the annual meeting of the Association. The President may make other arrangements for presentation when he deems it in the best interest of the Association.

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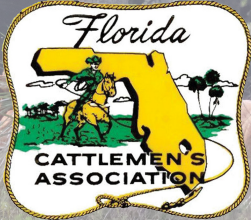
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RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE:

To recognize and share the work of an individual conducting research that is beneficial to the Florida cattle industry and Florida Cattlemen's Association.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any individual currently active in conducting and publishing research of significant benefit to Florida Cattlemen.
2. Candidate must be able to attend the FCA Annual Convention to receive award and participate in a seminar based on his / her research.
3. Candidate must prepare a written report of research by June 5th to be published in the July issue of the Florida Cattleman and Livestock Journal. Please also provide a high resolution photo to accompany the report.
4. Winner must be able to attend the FCA Annual Convention in June to participate in a seminar based on his/her research and receive the award.
5. Award is not designed to honor individuals posthumously.

NOMINATION:

Each county may nominate one researcher who has conducted research anywhere in the state of Florida.

1. Completed application typed, or submitted online.
2. Nomination should include three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should specifically address worthiness of nominee for the award. Letters from any of the following are appropriate: Association / Professional Organizations, Industry, University or Extension Personnel, Other.
3. Nomination must include one photo of the nominee.
4. Any supplemental pages or material may be attached in support of the nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Nominations from the affiliated organizations go directly to a Selection Committee comprised of the Research and Education Committee Chairman, Florida Beef Council Chairman, and one producer from each of the five state districts appointed by the FCA President. Selection will be made by May 1st.

AWARD:

One award given per year. Plaque presented at the FCA Annual Convention in June. One (1) paid hotel room for two (2) nights and two (2) full convention registrations.

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**RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM
DEADLINE- APRIL 1ST (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**

Date: _____ County: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee Contact Information

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Contact Information for Person Making Nomination

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

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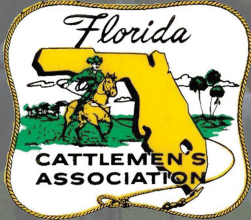
County Officer Signatures Required:

County President- Print Name

County Secretary- Print Name

County President- Signature

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FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PURPOSE:

To identify, develop, and encourage the next generation of leaders for the Florida cattle industry and the Florida Cattlemen's Association (FCA). FCLA is funded by the Florida Cattlemen's Foundation.

STRUCTURE:

Through a combination of tours, educational sessions, and team building activities, participants will develop leadership skills, industry knowledge and an in-depth organizational understanding of FCA. This series of seminars will be conducted and facilitated by leaders from the Cattle Industry and related businesses. In addition to developing a network of industry contacts and friends, participants will obtain skills that will serve them well both personally and professionally.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be an FCA member .
- between the ages of 21-40.
- Be willing and able to commit to attending all scheduled seminar dates.
 - Four 2-3 Day Sessions (July/August, October/November, January, March)
- Only 7-12 nominees will be selected to participate in each FCLA Class.
- County Association's Nominees will be given special consideration in the selection process.

NOMINATION:

Name of Nominating County or FCA Member _____

Name of Nominee: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

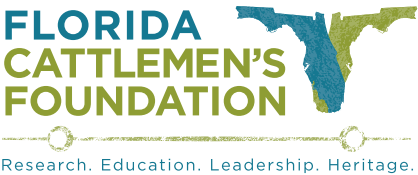
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please attach Bio of the Nominee, highlighting their Involvement in the Beef Cattle Industry

CONTACT:

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Jim Handley (407) 433-6437 jim@floridacattlemen.org

DUE APRIL 1ST (SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED)



Florida Cattlemen's Association
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Online: www.FloridaCattlemen.org
Email: membership@floridacattlemen.org





YOUNG CATTLEMEN'S CONFERENCE

PURPOSE:

A proven success since 1980, the NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference tour is an effective vehicle in identifying and developing potential beef industry leaders.

Through the years over 1,000 beef producers have graduated from the YCC program. Many of these alumni participate in industry committees, councils; serve on boards, and may go on to serve as national officers. This program serves as the cornerstone of leadership training for the beef industry.

YCC allows young leaders to understand all aspects of the industry from production to the consumer.

The YCC tour is an excellent program from which future leaders of our association can be developed. If you should have any questions regarding the tour, please don't hesitate to call the FCA office.

ELIGIBILITY:

The nominee must be in the 25 to 50 age bracket, and also be a member in good standing in both the Florida Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

NOMINATION:

Please submit your nomination to the Florida Cattlemen's Association by February 15th. Send in the information on the attached form along with a **resume** of your nominee's industry involvement and **personal biography**. Please note that all nominations must be signed by a county officer.

SELECTION:

A decision will be made by April 1st on who will represent Florida at this conference. This will allow our participant 60 days to prepare for the trip. The Florida Cattlemen's Association pays all the travel and lodging expenses for our representative to attend the NCBA Young Cattlemen's Tour and Conference.

DUE FEBRUARY 15TH (SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED)

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**NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION YOUNG
CATTLEMEN'S CONFERENCE AND TOUR NOMINATION FORM
DEADLINE- FEBRUARY 15TH (POSTMARKED OR ONLINE SUBMISSION)**

County Nominating: _____

Person Making Nomination: _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____

NCBA Membership Number: _____ *(This is required for the participant to be accepted)*

Date of Birth: _____ *(Participant must be between the ages of 25 and 45)*

Social Security #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Industry Involvement:

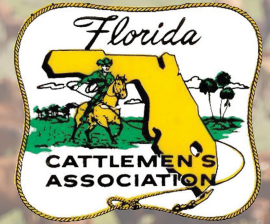
ATTACH NOMINEE RESUME AND PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

County Officer Signature Required:

Print Name

Signature

FCA SWEETHEART CONTEST



PURPOSE:

The Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest was established to build favorable publicity for the Florida Cattlemen's Association, Florida Beef Council, and the Florida CattleWomen. The FCA Sweetheart's purpose is to promote and educate consumers about beef and the Florida beef industry. Each county sweetheart is as equally important as the state sweetheart. The county sweetheart will represent you as well as the entire industry at various functions. The Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest will provide opportunities for your representative to gain professional experience, industry knowledge, enhanced communication skills, and relationships that will last a lifetime. This contest will offer scholarship opportunities as well. The crowning of the FCA Sweetheart is not only a highlight of the convention but is a deeply rooted tradition of our organization.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Each contestant must be 18 by September 1st, not over the age of 24 as of December 31st, and must be or will be a high school graduate by June 30th of the year competing. Contestants will only be allowed to compete for up to 2 years in the competition.
2. The contestant must be the daughter of a member (parent or "legal" guardian). The FCA member must live in the state of Florida and must be a paid member in good standing for two consecutive years in the county association that his/her daughter will be representing in the contest.
3. The FCA Sweetheart shall be selected at the annual convention in June. All contestants must be able to attend the convention and should be registered. The responsibility for the contestant's registration and lodging expenses is handled individually in whatever manner is satisfactory between the local county association and the contestant.
4. The FCA Sweetheart must be able to represent the Florida Cattlemen's Association, the Florida Beef Council, and the Florida CattleWomen at all approved events and activities.
5. It is highly recommended that each contestant pursues higher education while remaining in a Florida institution. Since the FCA Sweetheart is asked to travel rather extensively to fulfill her duties, being out of state would hinder her opportunities.
6. The Florida Cattlemen's Association will pay the FCA Sweetheart's travel expenses for pre-approved functions.
7. The contestants shall not be a representative of any major agribusiness of any other group that could create a conflict during her reign as FCA Sweetheart.
8. The Sweetheart Committee shall be the screening committee as to the eligibility of contestants; each contestant acknowledges this by her signature on the entry form.
9. Attendance at a pre-convention meeting will be mandatory (No Exceptions). This mandatory meeting has proven very beneficial to the contestants as it gives everyone an opportunity to meet one another and ask questions. **This mandatory meeting will be held via Zoom on the first Saturday in April.**
10. Each county may send only one (1) contestant.
11. Each county should conduct its own contest to select a candidate for the FCA Sweetheart Contest.
12. Each county is responsible for having the entry form properly signed by the contestant, parent or chaperone, and county officer or state director and postmarked by March 15th.
13. Counties shall be responsible for ensuring the contestant is properly chaperoned. In the event a parent cannot attend the convention, a qualified adult chaperone should be designated and named at the bottom of the entry form. The Florida Cattlemen's Association, Florida Beef Council, and the Florida CattleWomen are not responsible for any contestant.
14. The FCA Executive Committee reserves the right to cancel the FCA Sweetheart Contest at any time without prior notice. The FCA Executive Committee reserves the right to make changes to the contest at any time.

LETTER OF INTENT:

We would like to encourage you to select and support (financially and otherwise) a young lady from your county to participate in this year's contest. If your county is interested in entering a sweetheart contestant, please complete the enclosed letter of intent, and return it to the FCA office by March 1st. Please see that your candidate receives the rest of the information packet that is enclosed so she is well-prepared and informed. The completed entry form, application, and other required items must be submitted by the contestant no later than March 15th.

DUE MARCH 1ST (RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED)

APPLICATION:

- 1. Completed Contestant Entry Form & Application-** All required signatures must be completed. This also includes the completed Sweetheart Contestant Questions.
- 2. Professional Academic Resume-** Note that if you are just graduating from high school and have little work experience then highlight your high school activities and accomplishments.
- 3. Three (3) Typed Letters of Recommendation-** One must be from a member of the Florida Cattlemen's Association or Florida CattleWomen. The other two must be from non-relatives (i.e. mentor, guidance counselor, FFA advisor, 4-H agent, teacher, professor, supervisor, etc.).
- 4. Photographs-** Print and include four (4) 5x7 high-resolution color glossy photographs, and email the photograph to convention@floridacattlemen.org for use in convention program. The photographs must be of the same pose from the waist up. These are the judges' materials and will remain the property of FCA.
- 5. Completed Sponsorship Commitment Form-** Each contestant is required to secure a minimum \$100 sponsorship from a company/organization payable to the Florida Cattlemen's Association with Sweetheart Contest in the memo. Convention sponsorship forms can be found at www.floridacattlemen.org.

Please make a copy of your application for your own reference and to re-submit if the original gets lost in the mail.

DUE MARCH 15TH (RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED)

CONTESTANT EXPECTATIONS:

- Must abide by the rules of eligibility of the FCA Sweetheart Contest.
- **Must attend mandatory contestant zoom meeting on the first Saturday in April.**
- Will be required to sell Sweetheart Raffle tickets
- Will participate in several business interviews.
- Will take a written beef industry exam.
- Will be presented on stage before the FCA and FCW membership.
- Will prepare and present a PowerPoint slideshow before the judges.
- Is expected to portray professionalism and conduct herself in a manner that would best represent FCA throughout the entire contest.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON:

- Knowledge of the Beef Industry
- Communication Skills
- Personality, Poise, and Appearance
- Overall Impression

The decision of the judges is final.

PRIZES:

- The FCA Sweetheart will receive \$250.00 cash with the potential to earn an additional \$3,000.00 scholarship.
- The First Runner-Up will receive \$150.00 cash with the potential to earn an additional \$750.00 scholarship.
- Miss Congeniality (Maryanne Glaese Spirit Award) will receive prizes and gifts.
- If there is a significant number of contestants, there will be a Second Runner-Up.
- All contestants will receive a gift.

QUESTIONS:

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FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S SWEETHEART CONTESTANT LETTER OF INTENT

The _____ County Cattlemen's
County Name
Association intends to have a Sweetheart Contestant for the

Year
Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention.

Print Name of County Officer or State Director

Signature of County Officer or State Director

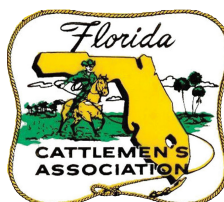
This letter of intent must be postmarked no later than March 1st

Mail signed letter To:

Florida Cattlemen's Association
FCA Sweetheart Program
P.O. Box 421929
Kissimmee, FL 34742-1929

Direct Questions To:

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FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S SWEETHEART CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

As a Sweetheart from _____ ,
Name of City

representing _____ , I hereby
Name of County Association

submit my entry as a contestant in the Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest sponsored by the Florida Cattlemen's Association, governed by the rules under the following terms and conditions.

I attest that I am a resident of the State of Florida and that I will be at least 18 years of age by Sept. 1st, and no more than 24 years of age by December 31st of the year competing. I am a high school graduate, and further state that I am not under contract to any person, firm, or corporation other than my sponsored organization, or have any other legal obligation that would prevent my participation or appearance in the Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest.

If I marry or have a child during the year ensuing, beginning July 1st of the year I compete, the FCA Executive Committee of the Florida Cattlemen's Association may, at their discretion, revoke my title of "FCA Sweetheart". I will then agree to forfeit the right to my title. This also applies to First & Second Runner-Up.

I agree to participate in all events in connection with the Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest and to adhere and be bound by the rules governing the selection of the Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart.

I understand and agree that the time, manner, and method of judging the Florida Cattlemen's Sweetheart Contest and the supervision of awards shall be the sole responsibility of the contest committee and that the decision of the judges regarding the selection of the winner shall be final.

I understand and agree to all information and photographs accompanying my entry form become the property of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and that these items may be used for publicity.

Contestant's Name: _____

Chaperone's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of Contestant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of County Officer or State Director

FLORIDA CATTLEMEN'S SWEETHEART CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Welcome to the Florida Cattlemen's Association Sweetheart Contest! The completed application shall be typed. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Strickland via email kwstrick2@comcast.net or by phone (239) 851-3896.

Contestant's Name: _____

County: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Currently Employed As: _____

Contestant's Highest Education to Date: _____

High School: _____ HS Graduation Year: _____

College: _____ Years Completed: _____

Major/Minor: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parents' Address: _____

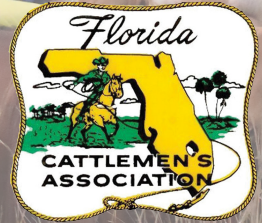
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____



JFCA CONTESTS



DATES, RULES & APPLICATIONS:

All information about JFCA contests and events can be found by scanning the QR code below.

