

O.D. Butler Scholarship Fund

The O.D. Butler Scholarship fund has been established to honor the memory of Dr. O.D. Butler and his contributions to the Charolais breed and more specifically his concern and care for the young people involved in the breed.

The criteria required to apply for an O.D. Butler Scholarship are as follows:

- Has been a member of TJCA for at least 2 years
- Has shown cattle at the TJCA State Show at least 1 year
- Graduating high school senior who will be enrolled as a full time student at an accredited college or university

Applications may be obtained from the current junior advisor or the Charolais Association of Texas office. The completed application must be returned to the TJCA office with a postmarked date on or before **May 15th**.

The O.D. Butler Scholarship will award the scholarship to the recipient at the TJCA State Show Banquet.

Scholarship Fund Guidelines

The purpose of the O.D. butler TJCA Scholarship Fund shall be to encourage young people, with a demonstrated interest in the Charolais cattle business, to further their education by providing an annual scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Butler. Dr. Butler has given many years of service to Texas agriculture and the Charolais breed of cattle. He has been a leader in both state and national Charolais breeders associations and has been strong supporter of the state and national junior Charolais programs.

The fund will be established November 17, 1977 and will be held by the Charolais Association of Texas. The number of scholarship recipients and dollar amount awarded shall be determined by the scholarship selection committee each year to be appointed by the president of CAT. Initially, a \$250.00 scholarship will be awarded annually. The remaining funds will be allowed to accrue interest. When the fund reaches a point where annual interest earned exceeds the \$250.00 the scholarship committee will determine the amount and/or number of scholarships to be awarded.

Applicants must be current members of TJCA and a "current Texas resident." The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of involvement in Charolais related activities as well as scholastic excellence, leadership, citizenship, financial need and participation in agricultural course or related field of study at an accredited college or university. A recipient may receive the scholarship only once, to allow more young people to benefit.

Applicants need to complete an application form. The completed application with required signatures, a copy of the applicant's most recent college transcript (high school

transcript is applicant will be a first semester freshman) and two letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 30th and mailed to the TJCA office. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the State Show and Field Day in June.

History of the O.D. Butler Scholarship

1996- Mrs. James Greer wanted to set up a scholarship fund for the further education of the graduating TJCA members. She and Dr. Roy Hann worked together to get funds for this purposes (for TJCA members only)

Money was put into a larger AICA fund to draw bigger interest rates, though never belonged to AICA. Scholarship named after the memory of Dr. O.D. Butler, because of his dedication to the Texas Juniors and the association.

1996- \$250.00 Scholarships were given out to graduating seniors for their college education through donations of CAT members

Money was taken from AICA in 2004 and put into an Edward Jones Account drawing interest for the sole purpose of the scholarships for TJCA members that meet the outlined requirements.

**CAT Office:
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Gainesville, TX 76240**

O.D. Butler Scholarship Fund Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Names: _____

High School: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Intended Major: _____

Number of Years you were a TJCA member: _____

Number of years exhibiting at the TJCA State Show: _____

Please write and attach a 300-400 word essay detailing your high school activities, Charolais activities and reasons why you feel you deserve a scholarship.

Attach most recent high school transcript.

We have examined this application and find it to be true, accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature/Title of 4-H or FFA Leader: _____
