The Cowgirl's Western Heritage Scholarship was created with the belief that all women and young athletes should be given the opportunity to succeed. We want young female athletes to aspire to be the best they can be in and out of the arena. It is through unity and passion for our sport that it will be achieved. We are blessed to be a part of a community as supportive as the western community and believe it is a privilege to be a woman in the ranching and rodeo community. The Women's Ranch Rodeo Association is proud to present the 2026 Cowgirl's Western Heritage Scholarship.

Requirements: Senior High School cowgirls, Freshman Collegiate cowgirls, or Sophomore Collegiate cowgirls involved in ranching or roping with aspirations of continuing their education and sport at the collegiate level.

Name: _____

High School: _____ Current GPA: _____

Ranching/Roping Involvement: _____

Extra Curricular Activities:

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Essay: Please provide a 1,000-1,500 word essay describing how your participation in the western culture has shaped you into the individual you are today. Include details on where you were raised, how you were introduced to the activity of ranching/roping and who has influenced your career. Additionally, include a brief summary of your goals in the arena and the direction you plan to take in furthering your education at the collegiate level.

Video: Along with your essay please submit a short 30-60 second video telling us how the phrase "Real Western by Real Women" pertains to you.

Submission: Entries should be submitted to the Women's Ranch Rodeo Association at womensranchrodeo@yahoo.com. $

At least one $1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Submissions are due by June 1, 2026

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