

Students Encouraged to Apply for Beef Industry Scholarships

Denver, Colo. (September 5, 2008) - Applications are being accepted for the 2009 Beef Industry Scholarship program, sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Foundation and the CME Group. All entries must be postmarked by October 1, 2008.

Ten scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to young people pursuing careers in the beef industry. The program encourages talented and thoughtful students who have demonstrated a commitment to a career in the beef industry, either through classes, internships or life experience. Graduating high school seniors or full-time undergraduate students enrolled at a two-year or four-year college for the 2009-2010 academic school year are eligible to apply.

Applications must include a 750-word essay that identifies a key issue confronting the beef industry and suggests a solution. Applicants must also submit a letter expressing future career goals and two letters of recommendation. A full description of the scholarship program and submission requirements and an online application can be found at the National Cattlemen's Foundation website: www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org/scholarship.aspx, or by calling 303-850-3372.

In addition to a scholarship, the first-place winner will receive airfare and lodging to attend the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, Ariz., January 28-31, 2009.

The Beef Industry Scholarship program is a cooperative effort of the CME Group and the National Cattlemen's Foundation that was launched in 1989 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Live Cattle Futures Contract on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The CME Group has been a leader in the live cattle market since 1964, and the Beef Industry Scholarship Program exemplifies their commitment to the beef industry.

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