

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Young Cattlemen's Conference Participation

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The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is pleased to support education, youth, and research and will sponsor three TSCRA members to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). YCC is an industry-wide program that develops leaders for the beef industry. The first award was given in 2004.

Purpose of the Program:

The purpose of the YCC program is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry. The tour and conference, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year and all participants must be nominated by one of NCBA's affiliate organizations.

Procedures:

Application forms may be obtained and should be sent to:

TSCRA
1301 W. 7th St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102
800-242-7820
Fax: 817-332-5446

Applications are available on line at: www.texascattleraisers.org

Applications should be returned to TSCRA and postmarked no later than February 15, 2008. Upon receipt, the selection committee will review the application. Semi-finalists will interview with the TSCRA selection committee at the annual convention – March 14-17, 2007 in Corpus Christi. The recipient/s of the award will be notified at convention or immediately following it. The conference begins at the NCBA offices in Denver. The dates of the tour are May 28-June 6, 2008.

The award will include the following:

- Registration costs for YCC
- Reasonable coach-class airfare from the participant's home to the beginning site of the conference and from the ending site of the conference to the participant's home.
Incidental and meal expenses not covered by the registration fees are the responsibility of the participant.

TSCRA will pay the registration fee directly to NCBA.

In the event the participant selected cannot participate in the conference, the program coordinator for TSCRA may offer the award to the other applicants in the order ranked by the selection committee.

Qualifications for applicants:

The following qualifications must be met at both the time of selection and the time YCC is held.

- Must be an active member of NCBA

- Must be an active member in good standing of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
- Must be between 25 and 50 years of age

(Employees of TSCRA are not eligible to apply.)

The Application:

The application is **three** pages in length, plus two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendations cannot come from current employees of TSCRA or any member of the selection committee.

The format of the applications includes two pages of general information about the applicant; two pages of questions and responses; and two recommendations letters.

Selection committee and process:

The selection committee will consist of the following people:

- Immediate past TSCRA participants in NCBA's YCC
- TSCRA President
- TSCRA First Vice President
- TSCRA Second Vice President
- TSCRA Executive Vice President
- TSCRA Membership Director

The selection committee may consider the following in selecting the participant from the applications received:

- Involvement by applicant in local, state, regional and/or national associations and programs
- Leadership positions held
- Desire to grow and develop as a leader in TSCRA and the beef industry
- Communication skills
- Length of involvement and potential for long-term involvement in the cattle industry

Instructions:

All applications should be typewritten using a typewriter, word processor or computer. Do not add extra pages. Do not use the back of pages. The font should be no smaller than 10 point. The application should be in the same format as the original application. Mail the applications along with the letters of recommendation to TSCRA at the address indicated above.

Reports by the participant:

The participant will be asked to submit a written report on the conference to the TSCRA board of directors. In addition, the participant may be asked to give an oral presentation on the experience to the TSCRA Association Promotion Committee as well as to provide a picture report documenting the trip to *The Cattleman* magazine.

For the application to be eligible for review:

Application must be completed and signed

Two letters of recommendation must be included

All materials must be postmarked by February 15 of the application year