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Dear Mark,

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Educational Programs are a significant part of the Show's goals of benefiting youth and supporting education. In 2012 we introduced the Agricultural Mechanics Technical Scholarship for students looking to pursue an associate's degree in a technical field. Due to the great success of this program, we are pleased to announce continuation and growth of the Technical Scholarship program. For 2013, we will award a \$4,000 renewable two-year scholarship (totaling \$8,000) to 10 students to pursue an associate's degree in a technical field. Of the 10 scholarships, five will be reserved for students who participate in the 2013 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Mechanics Project Show or competed in the 2013 Tractor Technician Contest Finals at the Show. The remaining five will be available to any eligible student.

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded, a Technical Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be graduating during the 2012-2013 school year from a public high school
- Be a citizen of the United States and a Texas resident
- Attend an accredited Texas public high school
- Provide a THEA, SAT or ACT score
- Purse an Associate's Degree in a technical field
- Attend a not-for-profit trade school or college

Applications for the Technical Scholarship will be available on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website beginning November 15, 2012. Applications must be completed and submitted by February 15, 2013.

For more information, scholarship guidelines and applications, please visit <u>www.rodeohouston.com</u> or contact me at 832.667.1113.

Sincerely,

Catherine Hauck

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