



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

2025 High School Student Opportunities Application

TSCRA Leadership Launch – May 29-30

Application Deadline: April 4

The Leadership Launch, held in Austin during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, is a program providing participants with a firsthand look at the agricultural industry and public policy. Attendees will engage with industry professionals and elected officials, explore the legislative process, and gain insight into key issues shaping agriculture today.

TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup – July 14-18

Application Deadline: May 2

The Cattle Raisers Roundup offers hands-on experience, covering all aspects of beef production—from pasture to plate in the Texas Panhandle. Participants will tour cattle operations and beef packing plants, meet industry leaders, and take part in professional development activities. This camp is an invaluable opportunity to deepen industry knowledge and build lasting connections.

Participants for both camps must be entering their junior or senior year of high school in fall 2025.

Application Instructions

Please indicate which camp(s) you are interested in:

TSCRA Leadership Launch: May 29-30

Cattle Raisers Roundup: July 14-18

Applicant Information

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____ **Alt Email:** _____

High School: _____

School Classification (Fall 2025): Junior Senior

Are you or your family currently a TSCRA member? (not required for acceptance) Yes No

Application must include the following short essays:

1. Future plans: What are your career goals and aspirations after high school?
 - a. Max 250 words on a separate document.
2. Please provide two letters of recommendation:
 - a. One letter must come from a professional associate such as a TSCRA member, teacher, volunteer leader, coach, etc.; not a personal acquaintance.
3. Please provide a video no longer than four minutes long introducing yourself and explain your interest in participating in the camp of your choosing.

Parent/ Guardian/Emergency Contact Information

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Name:

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

If selected, I give permission for photos of my child to be taken and used in promotional materials including but not limited to the TSCRA website, e-news, brochures, videos and slide shows.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the requirements as stated on the general Cattle Raisers Roundup information page. Furthermore, I agree that this is a commitment I intend to keep. I understand that I will have to provide transportation to and from Fort Worth, Texas for the beginning and end of camp. If selected, I will attend the entire program.

Applicant Signature

Date

If selected, I would be interested in financial assistance to cover the cost of attending.

Post Camp Expectations

Following the conclusion of the camps, participants are encouraged to attend a minimum of one TSCRA Ranch Gathering within the 2025 calendar year and will receive a complimentary registration to attend the 2026 Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo.

Leadership Launch Information

TSCRA Leadership Launch is a two-day experience for incoming juniors and seniors in high school. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit industry leaders, gain an understanding of the legislative process and develop their professional skills. The program is intended for young professionals who are interested in gaining knowledge on private property rights, natural resources or policy affecting the beef industry. Applicants not selected are encouraged, if age applicable, to reapply.

Objectives

- Introduce participants to the policy process, state agencies and elected officials.
- Allow participants to meet and interact with leading industry representatives, TSCRA board and committee members.
- Create a networking opportunity of likeminded young professionals in the beef industry.

Criteria

- Individuals will be starting their junior or senior year of high school in fall 2025.
- Have a definite interest in pursuing a career in the beef industry.
- Are willing to learn, grow and be an advocate on behalf of the beef industry.
- Interested in devoting two days of long hours to meeting industry leaders and gaining a wealth of knowledge pertaining to the Texas and U.S. beef industry.
- Must be approved by a selection process that will include evaluation of a written application, short video and two letters of recommendation.
- Applicants must be willing to conduct themselves in a professional manner and abide by the code of conduct of the program. Applicants must be willing to accept consequences of misbehavior, including being sent home at any point during camp duration.
- Selected participants will be required to participate the entire tour time without exception.
- Selected participants and their parents will be required to sign a liability release waiver prior to program attendance.

Cost

A \$150 fee will be required for each attendee, paid upon acceptance to participate. Do not send fee with application. All other expenses, except for transportation to and from camp, will be assumed by TSCRA. Participants may want some money for personal spending.

Cattle Raisers Roundup Information

TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup is a progressive, thought-provoking week, full of activities, tours and networking featuring all aspects of beef production from pasture-to-plate. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit with industry leaders, tour cattle operations and beef packing plants, and gain professional development skills. The program is intended for young leaders who are interested in gaining in-depth beef industry knowledge. Applicants not selected are encouraged, if age applicable, to reapply.

Objectives

- Introduce participants to all aspects of the beef industry including cow-calf, stocker, packer, retailer and consumer perspectives.
- Establish ideas for conservation, sustainability and stewardship of natural resources through rangeland stewardship.
- Build cognitive thinking skills through problem solving and leadership activities.
- Allow participants to meet and interact with leading industry representatives and TSCRA board and committee members.
- Create a networking opportunity of likeminded young leaders in the beef industry.

Criteria

- Individuals will be starting their junior or senior year of high school in fall 2025.
- Have a definite interest in pursuing a career in the beef industry.
- Are willing to learn, grow and be an advocate on behalf of the beef industry.
- Interested in devoting five days of long hours to meeting industry leaders and gaining a wealth of knowledge pertaining to the Texas and U.S. beef industry.
- Must be approved by a selection process that will include evaluation of a written application, short video and two letters of recommendation.
- If accepted, participants will be required to complete online Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training before arriving for camp.
- Applicants must be willing to conduct themselves in a professional manner and abide by the code of conduct of the program. Applicants must be willing to accept consequences of misbehavior, including being sent home at any point during camp duration.
- Selected participants will be required to participate the entire tour time without exception.
- Selected participants and their parents will be required to sign a liability release waiver prior to camp attendance.

Cost

A \$250 fee will be required for each participant, paid upon acceptance to participate. Do not send fee with application. All other expenses, except for transportation to and from camp, will be assumed by TSCRA. Participants may want some money for personal spending.