



**TSCRA Leadership Launch
May 27-28**

The TSCRA Leadership Launch is a two-day program for high school juniors and seniors interested in the beef industry. Participants connect with industry leaders, learn about the legislative process, and develop professional skills.

Limited to 15 elite applicants annually, the program offers a unique opportunity to engage with policymakers, state agencies, and TSCRA leadership while building a network of likeminded young leaders.

**Cattle Raisers Round up
July 19-24**

The TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup is an exclusive, week-long program for young leaders in the beef industry. It offers hands-on experiences and networking opportunities focused on beef production from pasture to plate. Participants engage in tours of cattle operations and beef packing plants, gain insights on sustainability and natural resource stewardship, and develop leadership skills. Only 25 elite applicants are selected annually, providing a unique chance to connect with industry leaders and build professional networks.

2026 Application Instructions

Please indicate which camp/ program you are interested in

TSCRA Leadership Launch, May 27-28

Cattle Raisers Round up, July 19-24

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 materials with their application:

1. Future Plans: What college do you plan/hope to attend? What major do you intend to pursue and why? What is your future career interest and why?
 - a. Max 500 words on a separate sheet of paper
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 four-minute video about yourself and your interest in participating in the TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup.

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 San Angelo, 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 camp attendance, participants are encouraged to attend at minimum one TSCRA ranch gathering within the following years' time and are encouraged to attend the following Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo – registration cost complimentary of TSCRA.

Application Deadline:

- Leadership Launch: April 5th
- Cattle Raisers Round Up: May 3rd

Applications and corresponding materials should be sent to Cody Trimble at students@tscra.org. Questions can be directed to Cody at students@tscra.org or (800) 242-7820.

Leadership Launch Information:

TSCRA Leadership Launch is a two-day experience for current 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 leaders who are interested in gaining in-depth beef industry knowledge. The camp is limited to elite young leader applicants, and only 15 applicants will be selected to attend yearly. 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 and TSCRA board and committee members.
- Create a networking opportunity of likeminded young leaders in the beef industry.

Criteria

- Individuals will be entering their junior or senior year of high school in August 2026.
- 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 conference attendance.

Cost

A \$150 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.

Cattle Raisers Round Up 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. The camp is limited to elite young leader applicants, and only 25 applicants will be selected to attend yearly. 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 entering their junior or senior year of high school in August 2026.
- 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 six 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 must 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.