

MDHSRA Victor A. Sulin Memorial Scholarship

Introduction:

Established in 2023, the Victor A. Sulin Memorial Scholarship celebrates the life of Victor Sulin, a lifelong resident of Maryland and Anne Arundel County who celebrated and stressed the importance of education, family, and hard work. This scholarship will be awarded to an MDHSRA Senior cowboy or cowgirl who displays similar ideals and plans to pursue post-high school education.

For the 2025 rodeo season, two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, the number may change annually based on the funds available and per the Board's decision. Applications are due by May 15, 2025 and may be downloaded from the MDHSRA website, and then submitted electronically to marylandhighschoolrodeo@gmail.com.

Information and Scores for all sections will be reviewed and consolidated to pick scholarship winners who will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

Once the Initial Qualifications (below) are met and the application has been submitted each applicant will participate in a Question/Answer session with a panel of judges at State Finals which will be held after the Queen's contest on May 16, 2025.

Applications should be completed via Google Forms found here:

[2025 Victor A Sulin Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Initial Qualifications:

- Graduating Senior (or Home School Equivalent)
- MDHSRA Member in Good Standing (all dues, fees and ticket sales and entry fees paid)
- Current or Former MDHSRA Student Board Member -OR- Active in Community/School/Church Volunteer Programs

There will be 5 judges and one alternate – high and low scores will be dismissed in each section, and three remaining will be added together to determine winner. Total possible points per judge is 50 broken down as follows in two sections. Maximum total judged points is 150.

- Application Completion and Essay: 1-25 Total Possible
- In Person Question/Answer: 1-25 Possible Points

Final selection criteria will be arena performance using the point system below. Only applicants that are in the top 3 of at least one of their events will be considered for the scholarship.

Arena Performance Point System – must be in top 3 of at least one event to qualify for consideration (50 Possible Points):

Entered Finals: 10 points

Number of Events Top 3 Placings (Determined after Performances for Finals are Completed)

- 1 – Mandatory – 10 points
- 2 – 15 points
- 3 – 20 points
- 4 – 30 points
- 5+ - 40 points

Highest Total Score for any applicant is 200.

MDHSRA Victor A. Sulin Memorial Scholarship 2025 Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Grade: _____

1. Are you a member of MDHSRA in Good Standing? (All Dues, Fees, Entry Money and Ticket Sales monies are paid in full as required): Yes _____ No _____

2. Please let us know your current volunteer activities (required to qualify for the scholarship) this could be serving on the student board, current or former member or any other activities through your school or a community organization.

3. How many years have you been involved in MDHSRA or any other NHSRA State Association?

4. What is your high school cumulative GPA or equivalent? _____

Answer the following Essay Questions (minimum of 200 words – please type and attach on separate paper): These essays should be typed in proper essay format, paragraph style and should include proper grammar, spelling and punctuation. These items will be judged as well as the content.

1. What are your future educational plans? Are you planning to attend a vocational training program, trade school, apprenticeship, 2-year or 4-year college? How would this scholarship help these plans?

2. What do you think are the top three attributes to which a rodeo athlete should aspire?