



TCFA Collegiate B.I.N. Program Background

This program is an exclusive two-year initiative designed to immerse students in the cattle feeding industry while fostering leadership and professional growth. Each year, only three highly-qualified students are selected to participate in this program.

Participants gain in-depth insights into the cattle feeding industry and TCFA through committee involvement, personalized mentorship from a member of the committee the participant sits on, and access to various industry events. The program provides travel stipends and financial assistance to support attendance at required events.

To maintain eligibility, students must meet all program requirements during **both** years to qualify for attendance at the TCFA Annual Convention in their second year.

Mission Statement

Empowering the next generation of industry leaders by fostering professional growth, integrating participants into the dynamic cattle industry, and creating unparalleled networking opportunities with seasoned professionals to ensure a sustainable and thriving future.

Application Checklist

Ensure the following items are complete before submitting your application:

- Completed B.I.N. Application
- One-page resume
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from someone in the cattle industry)
- Confirm availability to participate in mandatory event dates

Selection Process

The selection process begins with submitting your application and all required documents by the deadline. Applicants will then be notified if they are selected to proceed to the virtual interview stage. Following the interviews, students will be informed of their selection for the program and provided with further details.

Please do not apply unless you are certain that you can meet all program requirements. Acceptance into this program is highly competitive, and withdrawing later takes an opportunity away from another deserving student.

Applications must be received on or before the application deadline. Applications should be mailed to Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Attn: Ginna Miller, 5501 Interstate 40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106 or emailed to ginna@tcfa.org.



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The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Collegiate B.I.N. Program is a two-year program open to eligible students who exhibit a strong interest and ambition to become future leaders in the cattle feeding industry. Chosen participants will be integrated into TCFA and the broader cattle industry, gaining valuable opportunities to develop leadership skills and build connections with industry professionals. To be considered, applicants must complete the application and submit all required attachments by the specified deadline. Selected candidates will be notified by March 17, 2025, regarding their advancement to the virtual interview stage. Please review all eligibility requirements carefully before applying.

Application Deadline: March 3, 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

- **College Credit Hours:** Applicants must have completed at least 60 college credit hours. While it is recommended, it is not required that students have one year of on-campus experience.
- **Mandatory Event Attendance:** Applicants must be available participate in the following events:
 - **B.I.N. Onboarding:** May 19-22 in Amarillo, TX
 - **TCFA Summer Meeting:** June 19-20 in Ruidoso, NM
 - **BQA, Environmental or Safety Visit:** Scheduled in coordination with TCFA staff
 - **TCFA Convention:** (Attendance required only in the second year of the program; dates to be announced)
- **Program Activities:** Applicants must complete at least three of the following activities during each year of the program:
 - Engage in a speaking event or opportunity
 - Attend a cattle feeding industry-related event
 - Attend TCFA Beef Showcase (September 11 at West Texas A&M University)
 - Attend TCFA committee meetings in December
 - Assist with the Feedyard Technician Program (fall or spring, dates TBA)
 - Volunteer with Feedyard Camp (June 24-27 at West Texas A&M University)
 - Help with the Junior Fed Beef Challenge (July 25 at West Texas A&M University)

Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 University/College: _____
 Degree: _____
 Anticipated completion date (month/year): _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____



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Section 2: Short Essay Questions

Students must answer the following questions in the space provided. Please refrain from altering the font size or attaching additional pages.

Why is the cattle feeding industry important to you? Tell us your story and how this program aligns with your personal and professional goals.

What are your future plans for being involved in the cattle feeding industry, whether through employment or further education?