



Auction Items Needed This Summer to Fund Scholarships!

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When the National High Junior Finals Rodeo arrives at a new NJHFR venue, the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia, this June, the Foundation will be there with both 50/50 Sales and Daily Silent Auctions. At the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, back at the much-loved CAM-PLEX venue, both Live Auction and Daily Silent Auctions will be held, along with 50/50 ticket sales, sold by State and Provincial Queens, a NHSRF tradition. Scheduled to return to the Foundation's Live Auction this summer are custom bronzes for which the Foundation holds the rights to the molds used to cast these specialty works of rodeo artistry. Funds earned from both the 50/50 and Live and Silent Auctions'

fundraising endeavors apply directly to the \$500 Foundation Scholarships and larger named scholarships that are sponsored by the Foundation.

As always, assistance from States and Provinces is requested. The Foundation needs auction items both in Perry and in Gillette! Big or small, we can use them all! Families of both Junior High and High School National Qualifiers are asked to bring an item, partner with qualifiers for an item from a few members, or donate one or more items from the State or Provincial National Team, as a whole. There is no finite list of items needed, but typically there is a successful bidder for each and every item. Suggestions include, but are not limited to, items that share the culture of your state or area of the

country, jewelry, art, tack, home décor, outdoor cooking equipment and supplies, coolers and insulated tumblers, handcrafted items...truly anything goes! An additional way that NHSFR qualifier families can assist is by volunteering the services of auctioneers that might be traveling to the Finals this summer. The Live Auction format typically swaps out auctioneers throughout the event. Any auctioneers willing to assist may volunteer at the Foundation Office at the NHSFR in July. Auction items are what fund scholarships. Start thinking now of what you can donate to the National High School Rodeo Foundations' Live and Silent Auctions this summer and help make academic dreams become reality! 🐾

