



The 2015 Bill Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Breakaway Contestants

Lewisville, TX. The Bill Robinson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to calf ropers, steer wrestlers, and breakaway ropers. First place winners in these three events will each receive \$1,750 scholarships. Second place will receive \$1,250 and third place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. These scholarships will be awarded to freshman, sophomores and juniors earning the most points at the CNFR.

The Beginning. Bill Robinson was a long time friend to Walt Garrison, but a much bigger friend to the sport of rodeo. Bill began his rodeo career in high school. His events were calf roping and steer wrestling. He continued his rodeo career while attending college as well as after college. His friendship with Walt Garrison led to a position with U.S. Tobacco Company in 1977. A great number of weekends for Bill were spent at college rodeos. They helped with the promotion of the rodeo by seeking interviews with local radio/TV stations as well as newspapers. Bill Robinson was at the college rodeo in San Marcos, Texas when he was struck with a fatal stroke. Bill's commitment to rodeo and especially college rodeo will live on through these scholarships.

The Committee. To honor Bill for his commitment to rodeo the decision was made by friends to start a scholarship fund. A benefit team roping with an auction became a yearly event for those who knew Bill. Not only did it raise many dollars for the scholarship fund, but friends from all walks of life got together for a really good time. There were five on this original committee, and it is truly a labor of love for Bill. The Committee: Walt Garrison, Debbie Garrison, Darrell Barron, Roger Crouch, and Annice Burkhalter.

Present Day. The scholarship is currently administered by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Foundation through the generosity of the original committee. Students who win the Bill Robinson Awards can redeem their scholarships by sending in a proof of enrollment at the beginning of their term.