

2009 SHANE DRURY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Information: A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student during the CNFR to honor former bull riding qualifier and Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate Shane Drury who died Oct. 31, 2006.

Criteria: The Shane Drury scholarship will be given to an NIRA member that has faced adversity and never given up. Shane qualified for the CNFR in 1998 while attending South Dakota State University, and won fourth in bull riding. After transferring to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1999, he returned to the CNFR and was part of the Men's National Team winners. He continued riding bulls and in 2000 qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing in December 2001. Along with riding bulls, his education was very important to him and graduating from college was just one of his accomplished goals.

In 2002, after suffering back pain for over a year, he was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer. After surgery and treatment, he was deemed cancer free and returned to bull riding. Sadly that cancer returned and eventually took his life. Through it all, Shane was an inspiration to people with his 'nothin but try' attitude. You can learn more about Shane at his web-site, www.shanedrury.net.

Directions: Please send a letter describing your adversity, how you dealt or are dealing with it and how it helped you grow as a person. Applications may also include letters of recommendation. If you have any questions you can contact Susan Kanode, CNFR media consultant (817) 307-6336 or the NIRA office. Applications should be mailed or faxed to the NIRA office no later than **May 10, 2009**.

Region: _____

Nominee: _____ e-mail _____

School Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone (school): _____ Phone (home or cell): _____

Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of rodeo coach:

_____ Date: _____