

August 27, 2009

Dear KQHA members,

I am thrilled beyond words to see what is happening with our scholarship awards. I think back in the late 1970's when this scholarship was just an idea, how it grew from a few hundred dollars, to an endowment of over \$47,000 today. This endowment is growing very slowly, and I would ask anyone with funds to donate, to keep this worthy cause in mind for our Kansas Quarter Horse youth.

Now comes the exciting part. From the first scholarship award of \$150 in 1979, we are going to award \$7,650 this year. This is due to the generous trust of the Robert Young estate. Money will be available annually from this trust for our Kansas youth. This is just an example of what people can do for future generations of youth with thoughtfulness and foresight.

Our scholarship winners this year are Sidney Doane of Downs, and Alex Graber of McPherson. This scholarship money should make their college education a lot more affordable.

I think back with a touch of sadness when I remember some of the outstanding youth that applied for the scholarship in the past, but because of limited funds, we were not able to award money to all of them. Now, even though financial times are tight, we are going to have some funds that may go down to more recipients, even though it may be smaller amounts than the last three awards. In the last two years we have awarded a total of \$9,798.50.

This is a worthy endeavor and all KQHA youth should seriously consider applying for this scholarship in their senior year of high school. It is worth the effort of the application and I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dr. C.S. "Stan" O'Neil
President
KQHA Education and Research Foundation