



AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The American Quarter Horse Foundation provides financial assistance to members of the American Quarter Horse Association and or the American Quarter Horse Youth Association through general, racing, career path and state or regional scholarships. Interested members must apply for scholarship funding by completing an application on the Foundation's web site at www.aqha.com/foundation/programs/scholarships.html.

Deadline for applications is December 1, 2009. Postmarked applications will be accepted. All application materials must be sent to the American Quarter Horse Foundation, Scholarship Office, 2601 East Interstate 40, Amarillo, TX 79104. Questions or inquiries may be directed to the Foundation's Scholarship Office at (806) 378-5040 or jpazderny@aqha.org.

Applications must be completed in full and should be printed neatly or typed in black or blue ink. Applications downloaded from the Foundation web site must be filled out and a hard copy returned to the Foundation Scholarship Office.

**Faxed applications will not be accepted.
Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted for consideration.**

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of applicants will be based on the individual criteria and requirements provided for each scholarship offered. A complete list of available scholarships is enclosed. The following items must be included with each member's application. Applicants are ineligible for consideration if these support materials are not submitted by the scholarship deadline. Questions or concerns related to the submission of these items should be directed to the American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship Office.

AQHA Membership: Applicants must be a current member of the American Quarter Horse Association and or American Quarter Horse Youth Association in order to apply. Additional length of membership requirements are listed for each available scholarship. Year(s) of cumulative membership for the applicant are used to calculate if each requirement has been completed. Membership information posted for the applicant's parent(s) or guardians will also be examined by the Scholarship Committee to verify eligibility. If you have any questions regarding the completion of this requirement, please contact the Scholarship Office.

Student Aid Report: At least eight weeks prior to the application deadline (October 1), applicants must complete one of the following financial aid applications.

- *U.S. Citizens* - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- *Canadian Citizens* - Student Financial Assistance Estimator (SFAE) at www.hrsdc.gc.ca/

Comprehensive instructions for completion of the application are available on their web site. Upon completion, a student aid report will be available to you. This printed report must be submitted with your scholarship application.

High school students who are not yet eligible to submit the FAFSA are required to complete and submit the “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” along with your scholarship application. Students may omit questions Q8, Q11, Q63 and Q67. However, all remaining questions should be completed by the student and or parent/guardian.

Feel free to contact the Scholarship Office if you have any questions regarding the completion of this requirement. *Failure to provide a student aid report or FAFSA worksheet will result in application disqualification.*

Academic Transcript: Applicants must provide a recent school transcript. Transcripts should contain a cumulative scholastic average ending with the 2008-2009 academic year. This average must be expressed either as a numerical percentage, such as 97/100%, or as a ratio including the scale on which it is based, such as 3.88/4.0 scale. A copy of the school’s grading system, or a letter from a school official explaining the grading scale, should accompany your application. Transcripts should also contain applicant’s reported ACT and/or SAT scores. It is the student’s responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required transcript by the scholarship deadline indicated. *Failure to provide academic information will result in application disqualification.*

Transcripts forwarded directly to the Scholarship Office from the student’s school and or college will be accepted. However, all academic documents must also be received no later than the application deadline referenced.

Applicants enrolled in advanced placement, dual credit and or college preparatory courses should provide an official transcript from each school the applicant is attending. If the student’s high school transcript contains the scoring information from dual credit and or college courses, then a transcript from the college attended will not be required. All documents should have an official signature or school seal.

Canadian applicants’ transcripts should include a letter or documentation regarding grades, marks or the appropriate denotation for the school’s scoring system. The letter must clearly state the system and ranking used to determine scoring. Canadian applicants should provide a report of any national college preparatory testing or a completed equivalent.

Appraisal Form/Reference: Members must include a maximum of two completed Scholarship Applicant Appraisal Forms. Appraisers must be at least 21 years of age. Forms completed by the applicant’s legal guardian, relative, AQHA or Foundation staff, officers or Executive Committee members and or committee spouses will not be accepted for consideration. However, forms completed by an AQHA Director not directly associated with the selection process will be accepted. If you have any questions

regarding the eligibility of an appraiser, please contact the scholarship office for details. *Failure to provide appraisal forms will result in application disqualification.*

Forms forwarded directly to the Scholarship Office from the appraiser will be accepted. Appraisal forms may be emailed to the Scholarship Office via the address indicated in these guidelines. However, all documents must also be received no later than the application deadline referenced. It is the student's responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required appraisal forms by the scholarship deadline indicated.

Proof of Residency: All applicants must provide proof of residency to verify eligibility for state or regional scholarships. A copy of his or her current driver's license is needed for verification. *Failure to provide proof of residency will result in application disqualification.*

Affiliate Membership: In addition to proof of residency, members eligible for state or regional scholarships must provide evidence of membership in an affiliate organization of the American Quarter Horse Association or American Quarter Horse Youth Association. Evidence may be provided through copies of a current membership card, certificate or letter provided by an affiliate organization official. *If applicable, failure to provide proof of membership will result in application disqualification.*

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Applicants will submit a nonspecific application which will be evaluated against the following criteria in order to determine eligibility. All determinations will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Selected recipients may receive only one scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Office at (806) 378-5040 or jpazderny@aqha.org.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AQHF Youth Scholarship

\$8,000 Four-year Scholarship

Membership Requirement: 3 years or more

Ideal candidates are members of AQHA or AQHYA who have completed a minimum of three years cumulative membership; are ranked within the upper 25% of their high school graduating class; exhibit an affinity for the advancement of the American Quarter Horse, and demonstrate leadership potential. Members must be a high school/home schooled senior when applying. Students currently enrolled as a first-year college freshman are not eligible for consideration. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Dogwood Scholarship

\$4,000 Two-year Scholarship

Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is a current AQHA or AQHYA member with a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year degree program of the student's choice.

RACING SCHOLARSHIPS

AQHF Racing Scholarship

\$8,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidates are members of AQHA or AQHYA who have experience within the racing industry or are seeking a career in the industry. Applicants seeking a career in the racing industry may specialize in veterinary medicine, racetrack management or other related fields. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a two or four-year degree program as specified above.

Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Scholarship

\$500 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Arizona who has experience within the racing industry or is seeking a career in the industry. Recipient must seek a career in the racing industry may specialize in veterinary medicine, racetrack management or other related field. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program as specified above.

CAREER PATH SCHOLARSHIPS

Excellence in Equine/Agricultural Involvement Scholarship

Courtesy of the Charles B. Wang Foundation

\$25,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member who exemplifies the characteristics of leadership and excellence acquired through participation in equine and or agriculture activities; has a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average demonstrating academic proficiency, and does not compete in AQHA-approved shows. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's

Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Farm & Ranch Heritage Scholarship

Courtesy of the Charles B. Wang Foundation

\$12,500 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidates are AQHA or AQHYA members from farming and or ranching backgrounds who represent the outstanding education, expertise or life skills gained through participation in agricultural activities; has a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and does not compete in AQHA-approved shows. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Telephony Equine Veterinary Scholarship

In memory of Alene T. Haines

\$10,000 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA member attending an AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine; whose studies focus on equine medicine or surgery, and has a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Recipient must pursue an equine-focused veterinary practice. Applicant must be enrolled as a third year veterinary school student when applying. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to the student's last year of the veterinary program.

Journalism or Communications Scholarship

Courtesy of AQHA Publications

\$8,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member pursuing a college degree in journalism or communications. Recipient must pursue a career in news, editorial or print journalism, photojournalism or a related field. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled as a freshman at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program as specified above.

Therapeutic Riding Scholarship

Courtesy of the Amon G. Carter Foundation

\$5,000 Two-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidates are AQHA members pursuing a degree in animal science, equine science, agriculture/business or a related field. Recipients must pursue a career in therapeutic horseback riding center management. Applicants should be enrolled as a second-year college undergraduate when applying and have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's

Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to the student's upper level undergraduate degree program as specified above.

Jay Pumphrey Animal Sciences Scholarship

\$2,500 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Texas with a rural farming and or ranching background; has a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and who wishes to pursue a major in animal science or a large animal-related degree from Tarleton State University or Texas A&M University. Member must apply during their senior year of high school. Current or previous Foundation scholarship recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program as specified above.

Guy Stoops Professional Horsemen's Family Scholarship

\$500 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidates are AQHA members whose parent(s) are a current member of the AQHA Professional Horseman's Association, with membership in good standing for three or more years. Members must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

STATE/REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Swayze Woodruff Memorial Mid-South Scholarship

\$8,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi or Tennessee who competes in AQHA or AQHYA-approved shows. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

James F. and Doris M. Barton Scholarship

\$5,000 Two-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from New York who is a current member of the Empire State Youth Quarter Horse Association. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college or university. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year degree program of the student's choice.

Oklahoma Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$2,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidates are AQHA or AQHYA members from Oklahoma who are current members of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, and have maintained two or more years of membership. Students should be actively involved with OkQHA. Members must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Nebraska Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$2,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Nebraska. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Dr. Gerald O'Connor Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$2,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Michigan. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Joyce Wyatt Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$2,000 Four-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Pennsylvania pursuing a career in an equine-related field. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or before freshman enrollment at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to a four-year undergraduate degree program as specified above.

Indiana Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$1,000 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Indiana who is a current member of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, and has maintained two or more years of membership. Student should be actively involved with InQHA. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade

point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Joan Cain Florida Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$1,000 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Two years or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Florida who is a current member of the Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association, and has maintained two or more years of membership. Student should be actively involved with FIQHA. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Ray Melton Memorial Virginia Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$500 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Virginia. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Christopher Lawrence Junker Memorial Nebraska Scholarship

\$500 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: One year or more

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Nebraska. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.

Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

\$500 One-year Scholarship Membership Requirement: Current

Ideal candidate is an AQHA or AQHYA member from Arizona who is a current or previous member of the Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Association. Student should be actively involved with AzQHA. Member must apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. All scholarship disbursements are subject to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Policies & Procedures. Funding for this scholarship will be applied to either a two or four-year undergraduate degree program of the student's choice.