



American Ranch Horse Youth Foundation American Ranch Horse Association Scholarship Guidelines

Application Procedures

- The American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) provides scholarship applications to interested youth members who are planning to attend, or who are currently attending college or a certified trade school. Applications are sent to members upon request and are available on the ARHA website at www.americanranchhorse.net.
- Applications should be completed in full and must be typed or printed neatly in black or blue ink. Applications that are downloaded must be completed and a hard copy returned to the ARHA office for consideration. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted for consideration.
- **Deadline for applications is December 31** of each calendar year. Applications must be received no later than December 31. All application materials must be sent to the ARHA Scholarship Committee, c/o ARHA, P. O. Box 186, Nancy, Kentucky 42544. Questions or inquiries may be directed to the Scholarship Committee through the ARHA Office, or committee members, as published in official ARHA information.

Applicant Eligibility

- Each applicant must be a current member in good standing and have been an ARHA member for a minimum of two (2) years to be eligible. The length of ARHA membership will be considered in evaluating each scholarship application.
- Each applicant must supply a copy of their current school transcript, of if applying for a continuing scholarship, a copy of their current college transcript is required. If a transcript, including first semester of their senior year, or

current year is not available by December 31, this document may be submitted by January 15 of the following year.

- Each applicant must supply verification of their intention to attend college or a post secondary educational program for the upcoming year.

Requirements to Apply

- Completed ARHA application form.
- A letter of recommendation for current secondary school principal, advisor, or faculty member.
- A letter of recommendation from an active member of the applicant's Regional ARHA Charter. A letter from a club officer or board member is preferable.
- A picture of the applicant (not a color copy or scanned photocopy).
- A brief essay, prepared by the applicant and not to exceed two (2) typed pages (no less than 10 pt. font/1.5 spacing), indicating the importance of higher education, career goals, and personal insights about the need for the scholarship. Applicants may supply any information that he/she believes is important. *Failure to provide the written essay will result in disqualification from scholarship consideration.*
- Recent school transcript containing the applicant's current scholastic average. This average must be expressed in the numerical scale on which it is based. (i.e. 2.5 in a 4 point scale/3.8 on a 6 point scale.)
- The applicant must be available for an in-person or telephone interview during the ARHA National Convention.