



**American Ranch Horse Youth Foundation
American Ranch Horse Association
Merit 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. For youth who have been ARHA members exceeding two years, they must have actively participated in ARHA activities during the past two (2) years. The length of ARHA membership will be considered in evaluating each scholarship application.
- Each applicant must supply a copy of their current school transcript, or 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. (The scholarship funds check will be made to the school identified.)

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 at the request of the Scholarship Committee.

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