
A Quick Reference of Equine Scholarships and Grants

Everyone could use a little help paying for their education. Deciphering and navigating the world of grants and scholarships can be daunting. Therefore, we have done some of the leg work for those college bound equestrians and put together this summary of some of the assistance available along with the deadlines for submission. Good Luck.

West Virginia State Fair Scholarship Program

Award amount: \$4000
Deadline: March 16, 2023
Scholarship Description



Eligible candidates for the State Fair Scholarship Program could receive one of five, four-year scholarships for up to \$1,000 a year. Individuals that qualify have participated in one or more of the following areas at the State Fair: State Fair Junior Show – market animals, purebred animals and dairy, Equine Programs – State Fair’s Open Horse Show or Junior Horse and Pony Show, and the 4-H and FFA Youth Exhibit Program – 4-H and FFA Underwood Youth Center. Applicants must be pursuing a vocational trade, associate or bachelor degree, and must have participated in the junior livestock show, equine show or 4-H and FFA Youth Exhibit Program within the previous five (5) years. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider’s website.

Animal Welfare Institute Scholarship

Award Amount: \$2,000
Deadline: February 16, 2023
Scholarship Description



The Animal Welfare Institute Scholarship is open to seniors in high school who have demonstrated a commitment to animal welfare through volunteer work and/or advocacy and intend to pursue a career that will ultimately reduce animal suffering. Students who are seniors in high school during the application window for this year’s application process will be considered, and must attend a high school in the United States. Applicants will be required to obtain two letters of recommendation from individuals (not family members) who can speak to the applicant’s education record and commitment to animal welfare. If selected as a finalist, the applicant will be required to supply confirmation of acceptance to a college or university prior to scholarship distribution. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider’s website.

4-H Youth in Action

Award Amount: \$5,000
Deadline: March 29, 2023
Scholarship Description



The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders who are 4-H members or alumni between the ages of 15-19 in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living & STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Each of the four pillar winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, to be paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities; An all-expenses-paid trip for the pillar winner & a chaperone to Washington, D.C.

The winner will be recognized at the Legacy Awards; Participate in training opportunities and media engagements, while engaging with Council leadership, celebrities & other prominent 4-H alumni; An opportunity to be featured as the 4-H Youth Spokesperson for their pillar area; An official reference letter from National 4-H Council President and CEO, Jennifer Sirangelo; All interested applicants should complete the online application. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider’s website.

The Sagebrush Circuit - Lew & Jo Eklund Educational Scholarship

Award Amount: \$2,000
Deadline: April 30, 2023
Scholarship Description

The Sagebrush Circuit - Lew & Jo Eklund Educational Scholarship, the highest attainable scholarship available from the Appaloosa Youth Foundation, is given to members of the ApHC or the son or daughter of an ApHC member, is awarded to a college junior, senior, or graduate student who is pursuing a degree in a major field of study that is closely related to the equine industry. One scholarship may be awarded to a college junior, senior, or graduate student pursuing a degree in an equine-related field. Must maintain a 3.5 GPA. Each applicant must be a current member of the Appaloosa Horse Club or the Appaloosa Youth Association to be eligible to apply for an Appaloosa Youth Foundation scholarship. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider’s website.

The Pony Club

Pony Club offers several college scholarships to members interested in continuing their education. Pony Club scholarships are awarded based on merit as well as essay to any member meeting the qualifications. Members must be accepted or enrolled in an institution of higher education. This may include a university, college, community college, technical, or vocational school. Pony Club is proud of its members and the opportunities it is able to provide to continue their education, whether it is in the barn, on the back of a horse, or in an institute of higher learning.

Scholarships Administered by Pony Club



Triple Crown Nutrition Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1000
Deadline: March 31, 2023

Scholarship awarded annually to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements. Pony Club members who have achieved a certification of C-2 HM or higher and have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 are eligible. In addition, the recipient will receive 5 free bags of Triple Crown Feed.

Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 31, 2023

Scholarship awarded annually for higher education to an active Pony Club member who exhibits the qualities that Dorothy Renfro valued most: leadership, horse management, and volunteering time and energy.

Stanley R. and Martha C. Helbert Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 31, 2023

Scholarship awarded annually to encourage Pony Club members in their academic pursuits in Liberal, Visual, Fine, Decorative, Applied or Performing Arts areas such as painting, sculpting, ceramics, film making, design/architecture, graphic, industrial or interior design, decorative arts, theater, music or literature. Members must have at least a 3.0 GPA in their academics.

Jubilee Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 31, 2023

Scholarships to be awarded annually to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements. Members must have either achieved a Pony Club certification of B or higher and have at least a 3.0 GPA average in their academics OR achieved a certification of C-2 HM or higher and at least a 3.5 GPA in their academics.

The Anson W. H. Taylor Memorial Scholarship:

Award Amount: \$1500
Deadline: March 31, 2023



This scholarship is co-sponsored by USPC and The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. It is awarded to a current Pony Club member who has been active with, and committed to, efforts on behalf of land conservation. Members must have entered their senior year in high school at the time of application, and have been accepted to (or attending) an institution of higher education and have achieved a C-2 HM or higher certification and at least a 3.0 GPA in their academics

The Bodgie Read Memorial Scholarship for Dressage and Event Riders

Award Amount: \$1,000
Deadline: March 31, 2023



A college scholarship awarded annually to a Dressage or Eventing certified current member who exhibits the qualities that Bodgie Read valued most: volunteerism and participation in Dressage and Eventing.

The Jockey Club Scholarships

The Jockey Club offers several scholarships to those equestrians looking to advance their collegiate education. To be eligible for any of The Jockey Club’s scholarships, an individual must be a resident of the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico. While the scholarships are open to any equine breed or discipline preference is given to candidates with the expressed desire to secure employment in the Thoroughbred industry. If awarded a scholarship, recipients are required to commit to at least eight community service hours per academic year (at least four per semester) in the equine industry (e.g., volunteering for an aftercare or backstretch organization). The Jockey Club can assist students in securing volunteer opportunities. If selected to receive one of The Jockey Club’s scholarships, the recipient must provide The Jockey Club with proof of enrollment at a college/university/program for the 2022-2023 academic year. The Jockey Club website does not yet provide the deadlines for submission of these scholarships but applications will open in the fall of 2022.



The Jockey Club Scholarship

Award Amount: \$15,000 (\$7,500 per semester)

Scholarship for students in academic pursuit of majors for future employment in the equine industry. Open to any equine breed or discipline; preference is given to candidates with the expressed desire to secure employment in the Thoroughbred industry. Open to undergraduates and graduate students enrolled in a full-time program at a college or university. Minimum grade point average: 3.0

The Jockey Club Vision Scholarship

Award Amount: \$20,000 (\$10,000 per semester)

Scholarship for a student who is from a racial or ethnic group: Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, American Indian or Native Alaskan, Asian, Hispanic or Latino, or Black or African American. Open to undergraduates and graduate students enrolled in a full-time program at a college or university. Open to any equine breed or discipline; preference will be given to candidates with the expressed desire to secure employment in the Thoroughbred industry. Minimum grade point average: 3.0

The Jockey Club Advancement of Women in Racing Scholarship

Award Amount: \$20,000 (\$10,000 per semester)

Open to women only. Open to undergraduates and graduate students enrolled in a full-time program at a college or university. Open to any equine breed or discipline; preference will be given to candidates with the expressed desire to secure employment in the Thoroughbred industry. Minimum grade point average: 3.0

There are many more scholarship and grant opportunities available to equestrians and those interested in pursuing equine studies. If you or your rising senior have questions about other opportunities, please check with the financial aid office for the college or university you plan to attend.