

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS: RHSF Honoring Leadership and Achievement within the NRHyA and NRHA.

The Reining Horse Sports Foundation (RHSF) is committed to providing leadership and scholarship opportunities to enable youth to further excel in their future careers and competition. At this time, the RHSF is offering \$10,500 in academic and need-based scholarships for seven deserving NRHyA members.

To apply, please complete an application (available at nrhya.com) by typing or printing neatly in blue or black ink.

Determination for a scholarship is based on financial need, academic achievement, career plans, NRHA and NRHyA involvement, other activities and references.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, portions of your essay may be used in print and internet promotion.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

An application must be postmarked for consideration by **May 15**. To apply for a Reining Horse Sports Foundation scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements.

1. An applicant must be a current NRHA member. Applicant must be a member for at least two years. An applicant must also be a senior in high school pursuing an undergraduate degree in a two- or four-year-institution, trade or technical school. In addition, previous recipients of RHSF scholarships are eligible to reapply for scholarships.
2. All applicants must submit an essay. Essays must meet the following criteria.
 - Essays should not exceed two pages, double spaced.
 - All essays must be typed in 12 pt. Arial font
 - All essays must include a coversheet with applicant's name. The applicant's name should in no way appear in or on the essay.

ESSAY TOPIC

How do your aspirations for the future align with what you have learned as a reiner?

3. Throughout the application, members are asked to answer financial-based questions. **Financial need is based on the answers given to the information requested.** All information must be true and correct, or applicant will risk forfeiture of scholarship.
4. Applicants must submit a transcript or recent grade report. Your cumulative grade point average must be shown. If your school follows a grade scale other than a 4.0 scale, please give an explanation of the procedure.
5. Applicants must submit three letters of reference.
 - (1) NRHA member
 - (1) Professional (Teacher, Coach, Trainer, etc.)
 - (1) Personal

[There is a letter attached to the application for you to send to prospective references.]

1. Letters of reference must state how he or she knows the member and for how long.
2. References may not be written by a parent, legal guardian or a relative.
3. The reference must have knowledge of the member's activities and must validate them in the recommendation.

4. All letters of reference must be typewritten and may not exceed one page. All letters of reference must be sent to:

NRHA
Scholarship Application
3000 NW 10th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5302

6. Please include a 3" X 5" head and shoulders photo with your application. If selected, this photo will be used for promotion purposes and will be published in the *NRHA Reiner* magazine.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All of the following must be included with the application or the application will be considered null and void.

- Financial information
- Scholarship application
- Essay with coversheet
- Transcript/grade report with cumulative GPA
- Reference letters
- Promotional photo

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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Scholarship funding will be issued directly to the college or university on a semester by semester basis. Under no circumstances will the funding be sent to recipient.

Recipient must provide NRHA Youth department with the following information for the release of funds:

- School name
- School Financial Aid office address
- Contact
- Contact's phone number

1. Funds may be used for tuition, books, academic fees and board.
2. If the recipient chooses to postpone their education, they must contact the NRHA office. If the NRHA office is not contacted within one year of receiving the scholarship, the scholarship will be forfeited.
3. Recipients of scholarships are eligible until the age of 23.

REINING HORSE SPORTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly in blue or black ink

NRHA ID: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Financial information must be accompanied by a recent IRS income tax return. For applicants outside the U.S., please provide the equivalent financial statements. Please submit in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside. All applicant information is considered confidential and will not be shared with individuals outside the selecting committee. This keeps them confidential.

____ I live independent of parental support

____ I live in a single parent household with my:

____ I live at home with both parents

____ Mother ____ Father

____ Other

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Please indicate which amount describes your family's annual gross income reflected in U.S. dollars:

____ Less than \$25,000

____ \$75,001–\$100,000

____ \$150,001–\$175,000

____ \$25,001–\$50,000

____ \$100,001–\$125,000

____ \$175,001–\$200,000

____ \$50,001–\$75,000

____ \$125,001–\$150,000

____ \$200,001–or more

Please indicate which amount describes your family's income after taxes and reflected in U.S. dollars:

____ Less than \$25,000

____ \$75,001–\$100,000

____ \$150,001–\$175,000

____ \$25,001–\$50,000

____ \$100,001–\$125,000

____ \$175,001–\$200,000

____ \$50,001–\$75,000

____ \$125,001–\$150,000

____ \$200,001–or more

Number of siblings: _____

Ages: _____

Number of siblings in college now: _____

If your parents are divorced, does your non-resident parent contribute to your support? ____ Y ____ N Amount per year? _____

Fathers Name: _____

Fathers Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Fathers Place of Employment: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mothers Name: _____

Mothers Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Mothers Place of Employment: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guardians Name: _____

Guardians Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Guardians Place of Employment: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Spouses Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Spouses Place of Employment: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouses Annual Income: \$ _____

Number of Dependents: _____ Ages: _____

If you do not receive a scholarship from NRHA, how do you plan to fund your education?

I receive:

_____ Income from my immediate family (mother, father or grandparents) _____ Income dependent from my immediate family

Other Income Received:

Please provide any additional information that affects your financial needs for funding.

SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT / LOAN INFORMATION

Are you receiving any other scholarships? If so, please list and include amount expected:

Are you applying for other scholarship, grants or loans? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answer "yes," please list the name, type, amount and status confirmation of any financial assistance you will receive. Indicate the status as pending, confirmed or rejected.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Intended Career: _____ Proposed Major: _____

If you receive this scholarship, what is its intended use:

_____ 2 year institution _____ 4 year institution _____ Trade School _____ Technical School

_____ Other: _____

Are you currently attending high school? _____ N _____ Y

Are you enrolled in honors classes? _____ N _____ Y _____ Cumulative GPA

Are you currently enrolled in college? _____ N _____ Y _____ College GPA

List the name of educational institutions you have attended?

Elementary: _____

Intermediate: _____

High School: _____

College: _____

NRHA and/or NRHyA ACTIVITIES

List the *current* memberships you have with NRHA Affiliates:

Affiliate: _____ Dates: _____

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EQUINE/AGRICULTURE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Clubs or activities in which you have participated:

Offices held or awards earned:

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Clubs or activities in which you have participated:

Offices held or awards earned:

OTHER ACTIVITIES

List any activities including government, community service, etc.:

REFERENCES

Please submit the name and phone number of the references you requested a "Letter of Reference" from:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements recorded on this application are accurate and true, I meet all the requirements listed on this application by the Reining Horse Sports Foundation. I understand that if any statements made on this application are found to be untrue, I may be disqualified from receiving a scholarship.

If I do receive a RHSF scholarship, I understand my name and photograph may be listed in the *NRHA Reiner* magazine and on the NRHA Web site.

Please print your name as you would like it to appear in print: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or guardian name (If under the age of 18): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION SCORING BREAKDOWN

ACADEMICS	25 %	INVOLVEMENT	15 %
LEVEL OF NEED	30 %	REFERENCES	10 %
ESSAY	20 %		

RETURN FORM TO:
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REQUEST FOR LETTER OF REFERENCE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Reining Horse Sports Foundation (RHSF) is offering seven academic and need-based scholarships. This letter is a request from:

(Name)_____ (Phone #)_____

for a letter of recommendation.

In this letter, we ask that you include the following information:

- What is your relationship to the applicant?
- How many years have you known the applicant?
- Attributes that would qualify this applicant for a scholarship?

Please send your letter to the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) office postmarked no later than **May 15**. Failure for a letter to be returned by the May 15 date, may cause the application to be considered null and void.

Upon completion of the letter, please mail it to:

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For more information, please contact RHSF at (405) 946-7400 or via email at rhsf@nrha.com.