

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

The Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) is committed to providing leadership and scholarship opportunities to enable youth to further excel in their future careers and competition. In 2023, the RHF is offering at least \$28,000 in academic and need-based

scholarships for 10 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, NRHA and NRHyA involvement, other activities and references.

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

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

An application must be postmarked for consideration by **March 1**. To apply for a Reining Horse Foundation scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements.

**1.** An applicant must be an NRHA member at the time of application and for at least 24 months prior to applying. 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.

**1.A.** A previous recipient of these scholarships may reapply if s/he meets all other criteria. A student can only receive one of these scholarships twice.

**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

NRHA is often described as the reining community or reining family. What have you gained by being involved and how do you make a positive impact on reining?

**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 for the most recent semester. Applicant's cumulative grade point average must be shown. If applicant's 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 to send to prospective references.]

**1.** Letters of reference must state how s/he 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 emailed to rhf@nrha.com or mailed to:

Reining Horse Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Application  
3021 West Reno Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

**6.** Email a high-resolution digital head-and-shoulders portrait by March 1. This photo may be used for promotional purposes and may be published in the NRHA Reiner magazine. Email to [rhf@nrha.com](mailto:rhf@nrha.com)

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- NRHA membership is renewed/active
- Financial information (IRS Income Tax return or equivalent for student and/or parent(s)/guardian. A 2021 return is acceptable.)
- Scholarship application
- Essay with coversheet
- Transcript/grade report with cumulative GPA
- Reference letters (3)
- Promotional high-res digital portrait

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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 may request their scholarships be disbursed up to their 24th birthday.



Please type or print legibly in blue or black ink

NRHA ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 selection committee. This keeps them confidential.

I live independent of parental support
I live at home with both parents
I live in a single parent household with my:
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 \$25,001-\$50,000 \$50,001-\$75,000
\$75,001-\$100,000 \$100,001-\$125,000 \$125,001-\$150,000
\$150,001-\$175,000 \$175,001-\$200,000 \$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 \$25,001-\$50,000 \$50,001-\$75,000
\$75,001-\$100,000 \$100,001-\$125,000 \$125,001-\$150,000
\$150,001-\$175,000 \$175,001-\$200,000 \$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? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
Father's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
Mother's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Guardian's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
Guardian's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Spouse Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's 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) \_\_\_\_\_ I am income independent from my immediate family

Other Income Received:

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

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### 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.

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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:

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### SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Clubs or activities in which you have participated or are participating. Previous recipients are encouraged to add college activities:

Offices held or awards earned:

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### OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

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### REFERENCES

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

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 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 RHF scholarship, I understand my name and photograph may be listed in the *NRHA Reiner* magazine, on the NRHA website, and for other purposes promoting the Reining Horse Foundation and its programs.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLICATION SCORING BREAKDOWN

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

**RETURN FORM TO:**  
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## REQUEST FOR LETTER OF REFERENCE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) is offering several 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 postmarked no later than **March 1**. Failure for a letter to be returned by the deadline, may cause the application to be considered null and void. Letter should not exceed one page.

Letters may be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central, March 1, via email to: [rhf@nrha.com](mailto:rhf@nrha.com) or mailed with a postmark of **March 1** or before to:

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