



Appaloosa Youth Foundation Scholarship Application Information

The Appaloosa Youth Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding youth members of the Appaloosa Horse Club or Appaloosa Youth Association wishing to pursue higher education. Scholarships are awarded annually, with the entire amount paid to the school's financial office of the College/University that the student will be attending. Awards are paid at the beginning of the student's first semester, are non-transferable from the recipient and must be used within one year. Each Applicant may only enter in one of the three categories, and completed applications must be received in the ApHC office no later than **MARCH 20**.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED

I. Territory Scholarship

Awards of up to \$1,000 each may be awarded to one graduating High School Senior in each one of the six territories. One Scholarship may be awarded to a student graduating from a foreign school with a comparable system. "At-Large" scholarships may also be awarded, at random, in this category

II. Continuing Education Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship may be available to one college student who will be attending college in the fall of 2012 with a first or second semester sophomore standing. This applicant must have maintained a GPA of at least 2.5, or higher on a 4.0 scale, or a 3.8, or higher on a 6.0 scale during their freshman year in college.

III. Sagebrush Circuit Lew & Jo Eklund Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship may be awarded to a college junior, senior, or graduate student pursuing a DEGREE in an EQUINE-RELATED field. The student must be currently maintaining a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or 5.2 or higher on a 6.0 scale.

* Applicants are to indicate by checking the GENERAL INFORMATION page which scholarship they are applying for

AYF Eligibility and Criteria for Scholarship Applicants

Eligibility

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. Students who are in the immediate family of an employee, representative, or national director of the ApHC or the AYF are not eligible to apply.

Criteria

Each application is carefully reviewed by a qualified panel of educators selected by the Appaloosa Youth Foundation. Scores are based upon scholastic aptitude, leadership potential, the ability to communicate community and civic responsibility, and financial need content and presentation. Evidence of involvement in the Appaloosa industry along with general knowledge of and accomplishments in horsemanship are also considered. Scoring is done in the following categories:

- *Scholarship
- *Presentation/following all instructions
- *Essay
- *Demonstrated financial need
- *Extra-curricular/civic activities

Because of the degree of competition and difficulty of acquired skills that are represented, it is to each applicant's advantage to submit a neat, readable, timely and informative application adhering to the rules and specifications of the application.

*****The AYF reserves the right to vary the number of scholarships awarded based upon the quality of the entries as scored by the judges, and the funds available.*****

~ REQUIREMENTS~

All scholarships:

1. The application must be completed on an official application and must be filled out by the person applying for the scholarship.
2. An official academic transcript from the applicant's most recent high school or college semester/quarter must accompany the application.
3. A photograph of the candidate must be attached to the application. No color copies or scanned photos will be accepted. The photo and application become the property of the AYF and will not be returned.
4. Three letters of personal recommendation must be mailed *separately* to the ApHC office at the address listed below. It is suggested that they be address the applicant's scholastic career, community involvement, and participation in equine events or organizations. These letters may be from instructors, colleagues, peers, or other qualified persons.
Letters from relatives are NOT accepted.
5. All applications must be completed and received in the ApHC office by **MARCH 20** in order to be considered by the scholarship selection committee. Mail application and material to:

**Appaloosa Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee
2720 W. Pullman Road
Moscow, ID 83843**

Territory Scholarships only:

(For students entering college as a freshman)

1. A copy of your official ACT, SAT, or similar exam results must be attached.
2. In order to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must hold a high school diploma or equivalent certification, or be anticipating high school graduation this year. GPA must be at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 3.8 on a 6.0 scale.
3. Proof of College/University acceptance

Continuing Scholarship only:

(For students entering college as a sophomore)

1. The applicant must submit proof of future enrollment in an institute of higher education along with the application.
2. The applicant must submit an essay of 200 to 400 words. Specific essay guidelines are contained in this application.
3. In order to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must have maintained a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 3.8 on a 6.0 scale during their year at a college or university.

Sagebrush Scholarship only:

(For college upper classmen/juniors & seniors or graduate students-both must be pursuing a degree in an equine-related area)

1. Proof of future enrollment in graduate school, or as a junior or senior in the student's college or educational institution is required with the application.
2. In order to apply for this scholarship, the applicant must have maintained a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or at least 5.2 on a 6.0 scale.

Part I: School Information

Name of college or University you plan to attend: _____

Address of above school:

Financial Aid office Address and Phone Number:

Applicant's Address while attending this school (if now available):

Applicant's Telephone Number while attending this school (if now available):

Anticipated Major area of study: _____

Career Goals/Degrees to Obtain: _____

A brief overview of work history or positions you have held:

From _____ to _____ : _____

From _____ to _____ : _____

From _____ to _____ : _____

From _____ to _____ : _____

From _____ to _____ : _____

Part II: Scholastic Aptitude

Please attach an official grade transcript from your most recent school semester or quarter (and an official copy of your SAT/ACT scores for Territory Scholarship applicants).

College GPA _____

- 4.0 Scale
- 6.0 Scale

High School GPA _____

- (Territory Scholarships Only)
- 4.0 Scale
 - 6.0 Scale

Scores/Percentiles:

ACT _____ SAT _____ OTHER _____

List scholastic honors/achievements/awards/activities:

List the school organizations to which you belong:

List your hobbies, interests and civic activities:

Part III: Extracurricular Equine Activities

List the name and type of equine related clubs/organizations you belong to outside of the ApHC or AYA. These may include 4-H, Pony Club, Rodeo, FFA or similar organizations.

<u>Club Name/Type</u>	<u>Years Involved</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List 4-H or FFA projects you have enrolled in: _____

Pony Club rating? _____

List outstanding awards and achievements in 4-H, FFA, Pony Club or similar organizations: _____

Part IV: Involvement in Appaloosa Industry

Do you own an Appaloosa? _____ Does your family own Appaloosas? _____

List ApHC affiliated regional clubs or racing associations you belong to:

<u>Club/Racing Assoc.</u>	<u>Years as a member</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

How long have you been riding? _____ Showing? _____ Other? _____

Outline your activities/experiences in riding/trail/showing/racing/dressage/4-H/other using Appaloosa horses: _____

List major horsemanship awards you have received: _____

Part V: Applicant Essay

In a 200-400 word formal letter, summarize your thoughts and feelings on the following:

1. What your experience with horses has meant to you.
2. Why you desire to continue your education.
3. The personal qualities that you possess that you believe qualify you to receive a scholarship.
4. Any circumstances regarding financial need.
5. How receiving this scholarship will enhance your educational experiences.

Part VI: Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required. These letters must be mailed separately from your application and cannot be written by family members. They may be from teachers, youth leaders, colleagues, or other qualified persons. Three return envelopes are included in the scholarship packet for this purpose.

Part VII: Applicant Signature and Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge the information contained in this application to be true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that fraudulent information may result in disqualification of any scholarship moneys awarded, and /or may disqualify me from present and future consideration for scholarship funding from the APPALOOSA YOUTH FOUNDATION.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**Mail Application to:
APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB
ATTN: AYF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COORDINATOR
2720 West Pullman Rd.
Moscow, ID 83843
(Fax: 208-882-8150)**

Appaloosa Youth Foundation Scholarship Application Checklist

(To be included/mailed with application)

Deadline MARCH 20

Please indicate which scholarship you are applying for by checking one of the following:

- Territory Scholarship**
- Continuing Education Scholarship**
- Sagebrush Circuit Lew and Jo Eklund Scholarship**

Checklist:

- Application completed on official AYF form (to be in the ApHC office no later than **MARCH 20**. Any application received after this date **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**)
- Proof of college enrollment and college standing at the beginning of the upcoming academic year (i.e. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate Student).
- Official copy of the most recent academic transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (from people other than relatives mailed separately in envelopes provided).
- 200– to 400-word essay
- Photo of Applicant (no copies, or scanned photos)