

## 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. At this time, the RHF 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 **March 1**. To apply for a Reining Horse 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 RHF scholarships are eligible to reapply.

**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

Who have been your mentors or greatest influencers when it comes to reining and why? How can you use your time spent involved with youth reining to give back to the sport in the future?

**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. 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 sent to:

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

**6.** Please send a high-resolution digital head-and-shoulders portrait with your application. If selected, this photo may be used for promotional purposes and may be published in the *NRHA Reiner* magazine. Email to rhf@nrha.com

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- Financial information (IRS Income Tax return or equivalent)
- 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 selection 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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%		

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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 to the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) office 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.

Upon completion of the letter, mail to:

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For more information, contact RHF at (405) 946-7400 or via email at [rhf@nrha.com](mailto:rhf@nrha.com).