



Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association
Educational Scholarship Program

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Introduction

- We all know that to best position the future of the American Quarter Horse Industry will take our concerted efforts in developing new leaders for tomorrow. We are proud to sponsor individual youths in the pursuit of their academic and equine endeavors. The future of the horse industry depends upon the development of new industry professionals.
- The membership of PCQHA is committed to the educational development of our youth as well as promote the future of the equine industry.
- The scholarship program is based upon the academic merit, financial need, and equine involvement of each individual applicant.
- The program was conceived in 1998, and since then has had 95 recipients totaling over \$40,000 in contributions.

Description of Scholarships

- **Branding Scholarship** - This scholarship is available only for those applicant' s that intend to pursue a field in the equine industry, who have displayed superior academic performance throughout their high school education, have applied and has been accepted to a college involved in equine education, and has experienced financial difficulties in pursuing their dreams.
 - Number Available: One
 - Amount: \$1500.00
 - Duration: One year only.
 - Renewal Option: None
- **Youth Scholarship** - Gifts to support **Youth Scholarships** will support PCQHYA members who are graduating seniors and who have been involved in the equine industry during their high school years. Determination of scholarships are based upon the applicant' s involvement with horses, academic performance and financial need. This is a one time gift and may be considered for renewal only upon applying through the renewal process.
 - Number Available: Two
 - Amount: \$750.00
 - Duration: One year only
 - Renewal Option: None
- **Renewal Scholarship** - College students that have been recipient's of the youth scholarship may apply for a renewal scholarship on a year by year basis. The applicant needs to show superior academic performance as well as continued equine industry participation and community involvement. This scholarship is available only for three years following the initial youth scholarship award.
 - Number Available: Three
 - Amount: \$500.00
 - Duration: One Year
 - Renewal Option: Three maximum.

Qualifications for Applicant's

- **All Applicant's**
 - Must be a California Resident.
 - Must be a PCQHA member for one year.
 - Must maintain a school workload of at least 12 units.
 - Must attend a college, vocational, or business school.
- **Branding Scholarship**
 - Must currently be a high school senior and attending high school or the home school equivalency.
 - Must have maintained a 3.0 G.P.A. during their entire three years of school and have maintained a 3.2 G.P.A. during their final year.
 - Must graduate and receive a diploma/G.E.D.
 - Must have been involved in the equine industry over the past three years. (to be verified through school, trainer or other permitted witness).
 - Must be pursuing a field of study related to the equine industry.
- **Youth Scholarship**
 - Must currently be a high school senior and attending high school or the home school equivalency.
 - Must have maintained a 3.0 G.P.A. during their final year of school.
 - Must graduate and receive a diploma/G.E.D.
 - Must have been involved in the equine industry over the past three years. (to be verified through school, trainer or other permitted witness)
- **Renewal Scholarship**
 - Must submit a school record confirming prior year's grades.
 - Must reapply annually and show a minimum academic performance G.P.A. of 3.2.
 - Must be in good standing with the college administration.
 - Must continue involvement in the equine industry

Application for Initial Scholarship Requirements and Process

- Applicant may request a scholarship application from PCQHA office (935 Riverside Ave. Suite 17, Paso Robles, CA. 93446; Phone: (805) 226-7509 Fax: (888) 845-3009.) Application may also be obtained online at www.pcqha.com
- The application and a complete 300 word personal statement (as outlined on application) must be received by the PCQHA office no later than June 1st of the year entering college.
- A current photo of the applicant must be submitted with the application.
- Must provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members.
- All information requested in this Informational Guide and the Scholarship Application must be submitted in proper format and inclusive of all information at time of initial submission unless given permission to do otherwise. Failure will result in applicants name being dropped from consideration.
- All Information must be submitted in typewritten form. Application and additionally requested information may be submitted electronically.
- Applicant's will be notified in writing by August 15th following application submittal as to the decision.

Renewal Process

- Applicant may request a scholarship application from PCQHA office (935 Riverside Ave. Suite 17, Paso Robles, CA. 93446; Phone: (805) 226-7509; Fax: (888) 845-3009.) Application may also be obtained online at www.pcqha.com
- Must submit applicant's prior year's transcript to the scholarship committee prior to receiving approval.
- Must complete a application for scholarship renewal and be submitted to PCQHA by June 1st prior to the year of request.
- Must submit a letter of good standing from the college of enrollment.
- Must submit as part of the application process, a brief update as to current educational and vocational direction and goals.
- Applicant's will be notified in writing by August 15th following application submittal as to the decision.