



## 2017 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print neatly and clearly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application I affirm I have read the guidelines associated with this scholarship and that I meet the requirements. I also agree that it is my intention to complete the application process.

The 2017 applicant must fill out this form and submit in one of the following ways

- mail to NWAHJA Scholarship Committee, 14182 Wolf Dr. Rogers, AR 72756 (slow)
- submit electronically to [karensd012@outlook.com](mailto:karensd012@outlook.com) (better)
- submit to The NWAHJA Show Secretary at the show (best)

**This application must be received prior to the applicant's rides in Education Equitation/ Scholarship EQ counting towards the requirement of 4.**

Good Luck to All

The NWAHJA Education Scholarship will be awarded for continuing education at an accredited college or university based on the following criteria and guidelines:

**Requirements:**

The applicant must be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the 2017 Year Ends Awards Banquet held in January 2018.

The applicant must ride a minimum of 4 times in the Scholarship Division (Education Equitation/ Scholarship EQ) at NWAHJA sanctioned horse shows for the year 2017.

The applicant must submit proof of a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

The applicant must submit proof of completing a minimum of 40 volunteer hours during 2017. These volunteer hours must include:

- A minimum of 20 volunteer hours volunteering for NWAHJA.
- A minimum of 20 hours of community service at the organization(s) of their choice.

The applicant must submit an essay that will be judged on content, structure, and grammar, and should include the applicant's horse-related experiences, future educational goals, and intended use of the scholarship money. This essay shall be a minimum of two pages, single spaced.

The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation

- One letter from a teacher, past or present
- One from an equine professional.

**All documentation/submissions are required no later than December 1, 2017** and shall be emailed to The NWAHJA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Karen Davis at [karensd012@outlook.com](mailto:karensd012@outlook.com). Please identify correspondence in your subject line. If you have any questions or need a physical mailing address please use the above contact as well.

The top three applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee in early January 2018, with the winner to be announced at the 2017 NWAHJA Awards Banquet to be held in January 2018.

**Guidelines for Judging 2017 NWAHJA Scholarship Applicants**

This points system will be facilitated to fairly evaluate each applicant. The NWAHJA Scholarship Committee will select the strongest applicant based upon the total points accrued during the application process.

The following components are each worth 13% of the applicant's total score

Points awarded 5 9 13

NWAHJA Volunteer Hours 20+ 25+ 30+

Community Service Hours 20+ 25+ 30+

Grade Point Average 2.5+ 3.5+ 4.0+

The following components are each worth 20% of the applicant's total score and will be scored using a 10, 15, 20 point system:

**Essay:** to be judged on content, structure, and grammar, and should include the applicant's horse-related experiences, future educational goals, and intended use of the scholarship money. Essay must be a minimum of two pages, single spaced. (Deadline to submit essay December 1, 2017)

**Letters of Recommendation:** applicant must submit two letters of recommendation, one letter from a teacher, past or present, and the other from an equine professional. Letters from relatives will not be accepted

**Interview:** to be judged on applicant's personality, equine knowledge, and conversational skills. (To be facilitated in early January 2018)