

REGION 4 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

A minimum \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior wishing to continue his/her education beyond high school

ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

A minimum \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to an adult wishing to continue his/her adult education.

Eligibility:

- A. Applicants must be planning to or currently majoring in any profession that requires college or other training equivalent to at least: (1) four school years or (2) two school years.
- B. Applicants must be high school seniors or high school graduates currently enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a post high school program leading to an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree.
- C. Applicants must be current members of AHA through a Region 4 club. *Please attach your current AHA card with application.*

Requirements:

Applications for each scholarship will be evaluated on the following components. Point values have been assigned to each section. Points are awarded for each section on the basis of content, creativity, grammar, mechanics, and spelling. (Please list all of the following on separate documents.)

1. Provide the following information: name, email, address, and phone.
2. A short autobiography describing your interests, hobbies, academic achievements, future educational goals and why you believe you qualify for a Region 4 scholarship. (25pts)
3. Describe your participation with the Region 4 Arabian Horse Association and all other equine activities...please list everything. Not just showing. (25pts)
4. A SHORT essay (750-1500 words.) Original drawings, artwork, poetry, photos, etc., can be included to enhance the overall presentation. (50pts)
 - a. Essay Title: Promotion and Support of the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Breed
Essays will be critiqued on the following:
 1. 25% Grammar and Mechanics
 2. 25% Creativity
 3. 50% Essay Content

*The scholarship committee will critique the essays.
5. The scholarship committee will review all applications and essays, each member assigning point values listed above. Winner of the scholarship awards will be based upon total point accumulation. In the event of a tie, the scholarship committee reserves the right to select the winner based upon group vote.

Additional requirements:

- A. Three letters of recommendation including:
 - a. One from a horseperson, with comments on applicant's equine abilities or experiences;
 - b. One from a teacher or advisor indicating the quality of work in school, and;
 - c. One from any source (e.g. employer, clergyman, etc.).

***Adult Only: If you are unable to provide a reference from a teacher or advisor, please provide two from one of the other categories for a total of three letters of recommendation.*

- B. Proof of acceptance from the school where the scholarship will be applied (Required only after selection of recipient).

COMMENTS:

- A. All scholarship forms, answers to above questions, essays, and photocopies, must be sent via email to: dawngossler@gmail.com ON OR BEFORE MAY 1st. **Subject line should read: Region 4 Scholarship Application.** Applicants will receive a confirmation verifying receipt of application.
- B. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than June 10th
- C. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and/or books. A check will be issued in the name of the specified institution (upon verification of enrollment).
- D. Scholarships must be used within two years of the date of presentation or the recipient will forfeit the funds. Such funds will be returned to the Region IV Scholarship Foundation account.

CHECKLIST: Incomplete applications will NOT be considered

- Copy of AHA Membership card to verify Region 4 club affiliation
- Provide contact information
- Required answers to questions 2 and 3 (on separate documents)
- Essay
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Proof of acceptance to chosen college or university upon request.