

South Carolina Walking Horse Association

Scholarship Rules

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The Board of Directors have approved the following scholarship rules:

1. The scholarship application period will be January 1st through June 15th each year. Applications must be received by June 15th of the current year. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and notify recipients by July 30th. The SCWHA will award one \$1,000 scholarship each year. The award must be paid by August 1st of the current year. The winning applicant will be required to provide proof of graduation and college acceptance before funding will be paid.
2. The scholarship award will be based on available funds of the current year. If no such funding exists, the association will not offer an award that year.
3. Applicants must be a recent graduate of high school, or a graduating senior enrolled solely in technical college, university, or secondary educational setting. Adults who are reentering college will also be considered with proof of acceptance into such a program of study.
4. Applicants must have been a SCWHA member at least six months prior to applying. The membership must be maintained during the length of the scholarship. Family or individual memberships will satisfy this requirement.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who have shown an interest in the Tennessee Walking Horse for a minimum of one calendar year prior to applying. Examples of interest include showing at saddle or under halter, grooming, or regularly attending and/or supporting SCWHA affiliated horse shows. Recognized breeds are included, but not limited to: Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, Spotted Saddle Horses, or any non-registered gaited horses.
6. Each applicant must complete the official SCWHA application in its entirety. Documents that are also required are:
 - a. SCWHA completed application.
 - b. Written Essay: Typed in 12 pt font, double-spaced and no longer than two pages. Choose one of the following topics:
 1. How has the Tennessee Walking Horse impacted your life?
 2. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? How do you plan to get there?
 3. How will you make a difference in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry?
 - c. An official transcript or current report card from your current educational institution.
 - d. A recent photograph
7. The application must be postmarked or emailed by June 15th of each year. Application and all documents may be mailed to the SCWHA Treasurer OR emailed to the SCWHA BOD email account.

8. Application and rules may be requested from any board member or online at scwha.org
9. The applicant must reapply for the scholarship each year. A new application and required documents will also be required.
10. If the recipient is unable to complete the year of study, the entire scholarship must be returned to the SCWHA within six months.
11. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Championship Show each year.
12. The SCWHA may be awarded to the same applicant only twice.
13. The Scholarship Committee will always remain neutral. Any members with immediate family members applying must remove themselves from the voting process. Immediate family members include: father, mother, step-mother, step-father, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-siblings, son in-law, daughter in-law, grandchild, or step-grandchild. The President should also consider such before committee assignments each year to avoid this.