



**National
Walking Horse
Association**

NWHA Scholarship Application

Application due date: July 31

“Sound Principles, Sound Horses”

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is July 31 at 5:00 p.m. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in the application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by email regarding the status of your application.

PURPOSE The NWHA Scholarship was established this initial year, 2015 to provide monetary assistance to our degree seeking members who are ineligible for other scholarship awards. The mission of the NWHA scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate study in community colleges, colleges, trade schools and universities. The NWHA Scholarship principally targets two and four year academic programs; however, certificate/licensing programs including but not limited to fields such as business, animal/vet tech and related fields may also be eligible.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on the essay score, leadership potential, and participation in NWHA programs including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded and/ or renewed annually provided funds are available. In addition, the scholarship may be renewed provided the award recipient meets the conditions outlined below in *Scholarship Renewal* and no other initial applications are received.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The National Walking Horse Association awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, NWHA involvement, Essay and support of the sound horse movement. The NWHA pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. Scholarships are awarded annually and may be renewed annually if the student maintains a 2.5 GPA each semester and no competing applications are received that year. The NWHA Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must have been a prior youth member at least 1 year and hold a current membership OR have been a member for 2 consecutive years with a current membership.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 18-24
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by **July 31**.
- Applicants must submit essay following the outlined criteria
- Scholarship may only be awarded one time unless determined by the Board of Directors and Youth committee to renew a previous applicant's award for subsequent years of attendance

TIMELINE

- Both new applications are due **July 31**.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by September.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Completed essay
- An academic reference from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A character reference from a current NWA member, may not be from a youth or relative.
- Proof of acceptance at an accredited academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies, first degree only.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award notification will be given by September 15th.
- Applicant must provide their **student ID, the correct mailing address of their institution and the department where their scholarship check is to be received.**
- Award amount of \$1,000.00 initial/renewal

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

- Times New Roman
- Double-Spaced
- 1 inch margins
- 500 word minimum in length, no maximum
- TOPIC: Walking horse industry issues and how to solve them

JUDGING

- A scholarship awards committee of 5 judges will rate the essay with the given criteria with unidentifiable essay copies with numbered identifiers to limit any prejudice of judging. This judging committee will be composed of the NWA President and one director from each of the 4 geographical regions (Western, Central, Northeast and Southeast on an annual rotational basis).

Deadline for the application is **July 31**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application to:

NWA Scholarship

Application must be filled out by applicant.

Please check one of the following: New Scholarship applicant _____ Scholarship Renewal _____
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Please type on a separate sheet or print your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.			
1	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____		
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email address: _____		
4	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current High School: _____</td> <td>Number of years attended HS: _____</td> </tr> </table>	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____
Current High School: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____		
5	I will be attending the following school _____ Address/ Phone _____		
6	What year will you enter school? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior		
7	Will you be a full-time student? _____		
8	Will you be a commuting student? Will you live on campus? _____ If you are not living on campus, where will you be living? _____		

9	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____				
10	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
11	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?				

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

12	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
13	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?
14	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
15	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.

16	GOALS: What are the short and long term goals for your life?		
17	NEED: Please explain your need for the NWAH Scholarship		
18	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
19	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Essay Required essay must be included with application
	YES	NO	Reference letters (2) Emailed to office@nwah.com

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the NWAH Youth Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the NWAH Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to NWAH scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by NWAH is
July 31, 5:00 p.m. No exceptions!**