**Prerequisites**

* United States citizen.
* Graduated from Yuma County high school.
* Minimum 3.2 GPA.
* Legal Yuma County resident (Only students pursuing an Associate’s degree)
* Prior Recipient of a Yuma Kennel Club Scholarship, continuing their education in Pre-veterinary Education or Graduate Degree as Veterinary Medical Student or majoring in an Animal Science Research Program
* Accepted as a student in the fall, 2022 at a US institution of higher education either in Arizona or out of the state and enrolled in the following academic areas:

**High School Prerequisites must be met for the following unless applicant is a prior YKC Scholarship Recipient**

* + Current veterinary medical student.
  + Graduate degree student majoring in an animal agriculture research program.
    - This program is defined as research furthering animal medical care by improving the breed and ultimately benefiting the lives of animals.
  + Bachelor’s degree student in pre-veterinary medicine or animal science and **referred by a YKC Member**
  + Students who graduated from a Yuma County high school, are pursuing an Associate’s degree in a Veterinary Technology program, and either
    - Attending an accredited institution or
    - Taking on-line coursework from an accredited institution
  + Students who graduated from a Yuma County high school, pursuing an Associate’s degree targeting pre-veterinary medicine and majoring in biological science
  + Students who graduated from a Yuma County high school, pursuing an Associate’s degree, and majoring in biological science
* **Type written essay.**
  + Hand written essays will be disqualified.
* **All** scholarship application documents must be complete and postmarked by

June 15, 2022.

* + **Incomplete application packages or late applications will be disqualified**.

**Application Package**

Submit **an original plus three (3) copies** of your scholarship application documents in the order that follows and **staple each package in the upper left hand corner**.

1. **Title page**
   1. Keep it simple.
   2. Include your name, college/university currently attending, and expected graduation or transfer date.
   3. Do not include personal photographs.
2. **Yuma Kennel Club 2022-2023 Post-Secondary Scholarship Application Form** 
   1. Neatly completed in dark ink or typed.
   2. Application form in PDF format is available at Yuma Kennel Club website ([www.yumakennelclub.com](http://www.yumakennelclub07.com/)).
3. **Resume** 
   1. Do not exceed 2 pages, single-spaced.
4. **Copy of college/university acceptance letter.** 
   1. Do not send the original.
5. **Essay**
   1. Typed, double-spaced.
6. **Letters of recommendation (typed)**
   1. One from a college/university science professor.
7. **Copy of official college/university(s) transcript(s),**
8. **Copy of birth certificate, passport, or naturalization document.**
9. **Blank last page**

**Essay Topics**

* Compose original essay (not exceeding **650** **words** ) on the following topics:
  + In the past year of your college career explain how your experience(s) or contribution(s) have enriched your goal in becoming a Veterinarian or in working in the Animal Science field.

**Judging Criteria**

* All prerequisites met.
* Essay (20 Points).
* GPA and rigor of classes taken (20 Points).
* Experience with large/small domesticated/wild animals or animal science research (20 Points).
* Letters of recommendation (10 Points).
* Organization of application documents, neatness, spelling and grammar (5 Points).
* If needed, you may be called in for a personal interview with the scholarship committee.