

Bluegrass Miniature Horse Club



Scholarship Program

Procedures & Processing

Eligibility:

- Applicant and/or family must be members of the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc.
- Applicant and/or family must be miniature horse owners and involved in activities within the club in years past or currently active.
- Applicant must be a current Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc. youth member no younger than 17, in their senior year of high school or no older than 20 years of age. If an applicant is not a high school senior, the applicant must be currently enrolling or enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution.
- Applicant must notify the scholarship chairperson or a Board member of the intent to apply for a scholarship from the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association by April 30th of the current year.
- Past Bluegrass scholarship winners are not eligible to apply unless they are in their graduating year of college in a 2 or 4-year program minimum. They may then re-apply for up to \$500 in funds if they are available in the scholarship fund.

Procedures for Scholarship Committee Selection:

- Board of Directors will select Scholarship Chairperson in March of each year who has no relationship to potential applicants for the scholarship program.
- Scholarship Chair will proceed to select two members to serve on committee for the current year.
- Scholarship Chairperson will identify and recommend to the Board of Directors two members who are not related to applicants of current year to participate in the review and selection of scholarship award winner(s). The three scores will be averaged to determine the winner(s).
- One Scholarship, **of up to \$1000**, will be identified and announced – if there are two eligible applicants who have applied. More scholarships may be awarded if annual budgets allow and eligible applicants have applied. Applicants re-applying in their graduating year of college will only be considered if funds are available and all other applicants have been approved and funded in current year. If more than one applicant re-applies and is accepted then the money appropriated will be divided equally. The Scholarship Chair will recommend to the Board the scholarship(s) amount(s) recommended for the current year. Finance Committee must have approved recommendations before coming to the Board. The current Board of Directors must approve these recommendations before scholarship information is distributed to the membership.
- Funds will be distributed no later than 12 months after the winner is announced. If the recipient does not attend an institution of higher learning or trade development and submit for scholarship funds, the scholarship will become null and void after the 12-month period for that applicant.

- The Scholarship Chairperson or President will notify the applicant of the loss of the scholarship and will then notify the runner-up applicant, and award the scholarship to them if there is one. Following the same procedures as outlined above.

Scholarship Criteria and Requirements:

- Student must submit completed application by the deadline. April 30th of the current year. Only completed applications will be considered.
- A fully completed application with all requested attachments: Grammar, neatness, and actual content of the essay will be considered in the selection process.
- See attached sheet for Scoring Guide.

Distribution of Scholarship:

- In order to receive funds, the recipients must submit an official bill issued by the post-secondary educational institution to the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc. financial officer. Upon approval of the billing document:

The Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc. will then issue 50% of the funds to the family of the winning recipient(s) for the beginning term.

Upon receipt of successful completion of the first term, the remaining scholarship balance will be issued to the family of the winning recipient(s) for the second term.

If a recipient does not successfully complete the first term of college to continue attendance at a post-secondary educational institution then no additional funds will be distributed and scholarship will become null and void for said applicant.

Timeline and Application Submission:

- Board names Scholarship Chairperson March
- Place Scholarship application on web site in March also in Quarterly Newsletter.
- Board receives names of applicants who have submitted scholarship applications in May.
- Applicants must complete application, essay and 2 character references to the scholarship chairperson of the current year.
- Applicant should call or email with any questions or for clarifications.
- Any question should be directed to either the scholarship chairperson.

Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association, Inc. Scholarship Scoring Guide

Applicant's Name: _____

- Essay / Application (50 points)
 - Completeness
 - Scholarship Need
 - Recognitions in academic and other activities
 - Essay Content
 - Interview (if one is done)

Score _____

Comments:

- Recommendations (20 points)
 - Strength of Recommendation / Support / Sincerity

Score _____

Comments:

- High School Transcript (15 Points)
 - GPA, courses of study / other academic measures

Score _____

Comments:

- Other (15 points)
 - Extra Curricular Activates
 - Community Involvement
 - Character, Genuine
 - Activates within the club, contributions

Score _____

Final Scholarship Score _____ (100 points)

Final Comments from Committee:

Scholarship Application Form



Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association member since: _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

SS#: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Graduation Date from High School: _____

If already a high school graduate, are you attending college at this time? Yes ___ No ___

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Academic Information: Attach official transcript documents to Application

Name of High School, location and dates attended: _____

High School GPA: ___ Class Rank: ___ How many in class: ___ College GPA: ___

College Entrance Exam Scores: ACT Score: ___/Percentile ___ SAT Score ___/Percentile ___

Other Score: ___/Percentile ___ SAT Score ___/Percentile ___

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Academic Information: Attach official transcript documents to Application (Cont...)

Name of Institution(s) of Post-Secondary Learning to which you have applied or been accepted and major field of study:

1. _____ Field of Study: _____
2. _____ Field of Study: _____
3. _____ Field of Study: _____

Extracurricular Activities

List the activities you participated in during high school. Attach additional sheets, if needed.

Sports: _____

Honors: _____

Awards: _____

Offices: _____

Community Activities, Volunteer Work Etc. _____

Clubs: _____

Horse Related Activities

Briefly list your involvement, award, etc. in the following areas: (Attach additional sheets, if needed)

Miniature horse activities in community, with club and in shows:

4-H / FFA / Community Organizations:

Other Organizations and Activities:

Essay – attach to Application

Applicant must submit a 500-word typed, double-spaced essay on:

“What my involvement with the miniature horse has meant to me and how I plan to participate with the miniature breed in my future.”

Photograph

Should you be selected, a 3 x 5 photo will be requested for the web site announcement and notification in the Newsletter of your win.

Character References – Attach to Application

Applicants must also submit 2 letters of recommendation from two of the following areas:

1) Academic, 2) Character reference, and /or 3) breed involvement. Letters must come from someone other than a family member.

Reference 1: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Reference 2: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Understanding of Application Rules and Guidelines

Applicant may be asked to participate in a personal interview by phone or in person. All applications and supporting materials become property of the Bluegrass Miniature Horse Association and will not be returned. All information will be held in the strictest confidence by the Scholarship Committee, the Review Members, and the Board of Directors.

I hereby acknowledge the information being submitted is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Return application with attachments (official transcripts, photograph, references, etc.) to

2014 Scholarship Chairperson

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