

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION
2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print neatly and clearly:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

NWAHJA Membership Number _____ High School Attended _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

The NWAHJA Scholarship will be awarded for continuing education at an accredited college or university based on the following criteria and guidelines:

- The applicant must be a Junior or Senior at the time of the 2012 Year Ends Awards Banquet held in late January 2013.
- The applicant must fill out this form and mail to:
NWAHJA
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2494
Bentonville, AR 72712
- The applicant must acquire a minimum of 25 points in the Scholarship Division (Education Equitation) of the NWAHJA sanctioned horse shows for the year 2011 up to the October Show. The top three point holders will be announced at the November Show.

The Top Three Applicants must meet the following criteria and guidelines:

- The applicant must submit proof of a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- The applicant must submit proof of completing a minimum of 50 volunteer hours during 2012. These volunteer hours must include:
 - a. a minimum of 20 volunteer hours volunteering for NWAHJA.
 - b. and, a minimum of 30 hours of community service at the organization(s) of their choice.
- The applicant must submit an essay by the deadline of December 15, 2012 that will be judged on content, structure, and grammar, and should include the applicant's horse-related experiences, future educational goals, and intended use of the scholarship money. This essay must be a minimum of two pages, single spaced.
- The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation by the deadline of December 15, 2012, one letter from a teacher, past or present, and the other from an equine professional. Letters from any relatives will not be accepted.
- The top three applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee in early January 2013, with the winner to be announced at the 2012 NWAHJA Awards Banquet to be held in late January 2013.
- The winning applicant has 24 months to request the funds be paid in their name to the college of their attendance.
- If the winning applicant chooses to not attend college, the scholarship will remain in the NWAHJA Scholarship Fund and will be awarded to next year's recipient.

Guidelines for Judging 2012NWAHJA Scholarship Applicants

This points system will be facilitated to fairly evaluate each applicant. The NWAHJA Scholarship Committee will select the strongest applicant based upon the total points accrued during the application process.

The following components are each worth 10% of the applicant's total score:

	Points Awarded		
	<u>5pts.</u>	<u>7pts.</u>	<u>10pts.</u>
Points Received in Scholarship Division of NWAHJA sanctioned shows.	25+	30+	35+
NWAHJA Volunteer Hours	20+	30+	40+
Community Service Hours	30+	40+	50+
Grade Point Average	3.0+	3.5+	4.0+

The following components are each worth 20% of the applicant's total score:

Essay: to be judged on content, structure, and grammar, and should include the applicant's horse-related experiences, future educational goals, and intended use of the scholarship money. Essay must be a minimum of two pages, single spaced. (Deadline to submit essay - December 15, 2012)

Letters of Recommendation: applicant must submit two letters of recommendation, one letter from a teacher, past or present, and the other from an equine professional. Letters from relatives will not be accepted. (Deadline to submit letters of recommendation – December 15, 2012)

Interview: to be judged on applicant's personality, equine knowledge, and conversational skills. (To be facilitated in early January 2013)

Any questions about the NWAHJA Scholarship Program should be addressed to the 2012 Scholarship Committee:

- Chairperson

Phone: _____

Email: