



## USPC \$1,000 Champion of Equine Service Scholarship Sponsored By The EQUUS Foundation



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The EQUUS Foundation and the United States Pony Clubs (USPC) are pleased to announce the establishment of the \$1,000 USPC Champion of Equine Service Scholarship for undergraduate and graduate studies to stimulate volunteerism and advocacy on behalf of horses and the people who benefit from the horse's unique ability to empower, teach and heal.

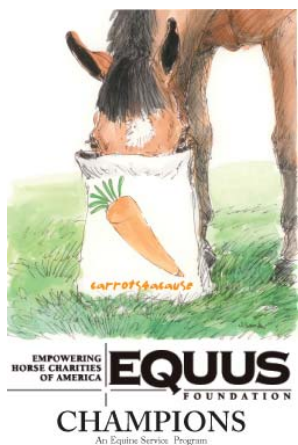
### Eligibility

Applicants are limited to those individuals who:

- 1) are actively affiliated with the United States Pony Club and either in secondary school or in undergraduate or graduate school with at least one semester of post-secondary school remaining as of May 1, 2013.
- 2) perform a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer community service for an organization or organizations on The EQUUS Foundation carrots4acause network (<http://www.equusfoundation.org>) during the calendar year ending December 31, 2012, thereby achieving Champion status as defined by The EQUUS Foundation; such hours to be logged in on The EQUUS Foundation website by December 31, 2012, and such hours to be verified by the organization(s) and The EQUUS Foundation;
- 3) have a GPA of 3.00 or above.

### Rules

- To participate, the individual must sign up on the carrots4acause network at <http://www.equusfoundation.org>.
- The individual is responsible for logging in the hours volunteered prior to December 31, 2012 11:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time.
- All volunteer hours must be verified by The EQUUS Foundation and the organization(s) for which service was provided. The EQUUS Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any hour(s) deemed questionable.
- The individual's USPC affiliation will be verified by the USPC.
- The individual must complete the EQUUS Foundation online application by February 15, 2013, and will be required to upload a current school transcript with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above, and a current photo, as part of the application.
- Materials submitted as part of the application process become the property of The EQUUS Foundation and the USPC and will not be returned. The materials will be used as The EQUUS Foundation and USPC deem appropriate, and are not subject to any right of confidentiality unless specifically agreed to in writing by The EQUUS Foundation and the USPC.
- The individual gives permission to The EQUUS Foundation and USPC to ask individuals to review the information provided by the applicant and to the individuals selected to give advice and information to The EQUUS Foundation and USPC.
- The EQUUS Foundation is under no obligation to fund or otherwise have a future relationship with the individual.
- A committee consisting of USPC and EQUUS Foundation representatives will be responsible for the evaluation of the applications and the selection of the recipient; the number of hours of community service over and above the 24-hour minimum requirement and the impact of the community service will be taken into consideration in the selection process.
- The recipient will be notified by The EQUUS Foundation on or before May 1, 2013. Upon submission of proof of enrollment in writing by the recipient to The EQUUS Foundation, The EQUUS Foundation will disburse the \$1,000 to the educational institution of the recipient. Eligible educational institutions include colleges, universities, trade schools or vocational schools with a 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt status.
- The recipient agrees to allow The EQUUS Foundation and the USPC the right to publicize the recipient's name on its website, email communications, and printed materials.
- The recipient will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.



The **USPC Champion of Equine Service Scholarship** is part of the Foundation's Champions program, an incentive-based equine service volunteer program to recognize and reward individuals and organizations on the carrots4acause network. Champions are individuals who volunteer a minimum of 24 hours for an organization or organizations on the carrots4acause network.

**Champion of Equine Service Scholarships:** All eligible applicants for the USPC scholarship are also automatically eligible to apply for the EQUUS Foundation Champion of Equine Service scholarships. A minimum of five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded on or before May 1, 2013.

**Win a Grant for your Favorite Charity:** All Champions including all eligible applicants for the USPC scholarship will also be automatically entered into a drawing where the winner may select a 501(c)(3) public charity or eligible government entity on the carrots4acause network to receive an EQUUS Foundation grant. A minimum of \$5,000 in one or more grants will be awarded. The drawing will be conducted on or before May 1, 2013.