The EQUUS Foundation is pleased to offer the CHA Champion of Equine Service Certification Scholarship to stimulate volunteerism on behalf of horses and the people they serve and to financially assist prospective instructors with obtaining a CHA Standard Instructor Certification.

The CHA Champion of Equine Service Certification Scholarship is part of the Foundation’s Champions program sponsored by Ariat International, an incentive-based equine service volunteer program to recognize and reward individuals and organizations on the Equine Welfare Network.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to those individuals who:
1) are aged 18 and over; CHA membership is NOT required to apply.
2) perform a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer community service for an organization or organizations on the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network during the calendar year ending December 31, 2017, thereby achieving Champion status as defined by the EQUUS Foundation; such hours to be logged in on the EQUUS Foundation website by December 31, 2017, and such hours to be verified by the organization(s) and the EQUUS Foundation;
3) have a GPA of 3.00 or above unless the applicant is not currently attending an educational institution or pursuing a Masters or Ph.D.

Rules

• To participate, the individual must sign up on the Equine Welfare Network at http://www.equusfoundation.org.
• The individual is responsible for logging in the hours volunteered prior to December 31, 2017 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 must complete the online application by February 15, 2018.
• Materials submitted as part of the application process become the property of the EQUUS Foundation and will not be returned. The materials will be used as the EQUUS Foundation deems appropriate, and are not subject to any right of confidentiality unless specifically agreed to in writing by the EQUUS Foundation.
• The individual gives permission to the EQUUS Foundation and CHA 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 CHA.
• A committee consisting of CHA 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 EQUUS Foundation will award one scholarship to cover the registration fee up to $1,000 for the recipient to attend any CHA Standard English Western clinic on or before July 1, 2018, otherwise, the scholarship will be forfeited. The recipient(s) will be notified by the EQUUS Foundation on or before May 1, 2018. CHA will be responsible for the disbursement of funds directly to the clinic host site.
• The recipient agrees to pay all additional costs of attending said CHA certification clinic, including, but not limited to the balance of the registration fee, travel expenses, meals and lodging (if not included in the clinic registration fee).
• The recipient agrees to the CHA’s re-certification requirements at http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/42/Instructor_Recertification.html.
• The recipient agrees to allow the EQUUS Foundation and the CHA 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 EQUUS Foundation is under no obligation to fund or otherwise have a future relationship with any applicant or recipient.

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