

Champion of Equine Service \$1,000 Academic Alliance Scholarship

The EQUUS Foundation is pleased to offer the \$1,000 Champion of Equine Service Academic Alliance Scholarship to stimulate volunteerism on behalf of horses and the people they serve and to assist members affiliated with EQUUS Foundation Alliance Members, Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA), Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA), United States Equestrian Federation (US Equestrian) and/or the United States Pony Club (USPC), in the pursuit of their undergraduate and graduate studies.

The **Champion of Equine Service Academic Alliance 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. Champions are individuals who volunteer a minimum of 24 hours for an organization or organizations on the Equine Welfare Network. All eligible applicants for the Alliance scholarship are also automatically eligible for the EQUUS Foundation Champion of Equine Service Academic Scholarships.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to those individuals who:

- 1) hold a current membership in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA), Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA), United States Equestrian Federation (US Equestrian) and/or the United States Pony Club (USPC) and are either in secondary school or in undergraduate or graduate school with at least one semester of post-secondary school remaining as of May 1, 2019.
- 2) perform a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer community service for an organization or organizations on the EQUUS Foundation Equine Welfare Network (<http://www.equusfoundation.org>) during the calendar year ending December 31, 2018, thereby achieving Champion status as defined by the EQUUS Foundation; such hours to be logged in on the EQUUS Foundation website during the calendar year ending December 31, 2018, 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 Equine Welfare Network at <http://www.equusfoundation.org>.
- The individual is responsible for logging in the hours volunteered prior to December 31, 2018 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 affiliation will be verified by the appropriate Alliance member and only those individuals who are actively affiliated with the Alliance member at the time the selection is made will be eligible to apply.
- The individual must complete the EQUUS Foundation online application by February 15, 2019 and will be required to upload a current school transcript with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above, and, if selected as a recipient, a current photo, as part of the application.
- 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 the Alliance member 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 the Alliance member.
- The EQUUS Foundation is under no obligation to fund or otherwise have a future relationship with the individual.
- A committee consisting of 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, 2019. Upon submission of proof of enrollment in writing by the recipient to the EQUUS Foundation, the EQUUS Foundation will disburse the award 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 Alliance member 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.