

## KWHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Who are those who receive KWHA scholarships? They are the hard-working youth who strive to be the best inside and outside of the arena. KWHA offers academic scholarships each year with amounts determined by the board of directors.

For scholarship consideration, applicants must be an immediate member of a KWHA family, must be a member of a KWHA saddle club with current year's dues paid to the association, and currently enrolled in high school or an institute of higher learning. Applicants may receive a KWHA scholarship as a high school student or one as a student in an institute of higher learning each year. Once they have been granted a scholarship, students must maintain a "B"/3.0 or better grade-point average each academic year to be eligible to apply for additional KWHA scholarships.

An official KWHA Scholarship Form must be completed along with an Essay, two Letters of Personal Recommendation, and completed Involvement Cards. It is to each applicant's advantage to submit a complete, typed and informative application that portrays the student's skills, involvement, and accomplishments.

Applications will be judged according to the following percentages:

- 40% - KWHA Involvement
- 25% - Essay
- 20% - Application
- 15% - Letters of Recommendation

**Please mail, USPS with return receipt, completed applications to Trisha Haskell, PO Box 1612, Hays, KS 67601. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 15, 2017.**

### **When can I apply?**

You must be a current high school student or attending an institution of higher learning.

### **Where can I find an application form?**

An official KWHA Scholarship Application is available from [kwhaonline.com](http://kwhaonline.com) or the KWHA secretary.

### **When is the application due?**

An official KWHA Scholarship Application must be completed and signed by the applicant and sent USPS with return receipt to Trisha Haskell, PO Box 1612, Hays, KS, postmarked by Friday, September 15, 2017.

### **What do I have to do to show my KWHA involvement?**

KWHA Involvement Cards will be provided when applying for this scholarship. Involvement may be helping at a KWHA/local saddle club event or KWHA horse show. These cards must be filled out and signed by a KWHA board member or KWHA judge (cannot be a member of the applicant's family). The signee must comment on how each applicant helped at this activity. You may submit as many cards as you feel are needed.

### **Do I have to be a KWHA Member?**

Yes, you must be a member of a KWHA saddle club with the current year's dues paid to the association.

### **Do I have to compete in a KWHA show?**

No, competing at a KWHA show is not a requirement. You must be involved in KWHA activity contributing actively to a KWHA event, saddle club, or show.

### **Who should I ask to complete a letter of recommendation for me?**

Your scholastic ability and general character are the focus of the personal recommendations. Those characteristics may be described best by a schoolteacher, professor, instructor, or counselor.

### **What if there is not enough room on the application for my answers?**

It is to each applicant's advantage to submit a complete, typed and informative application that attests to the candidate's acquired skills. It is fine to attach addition page(s) of information if you need more space for answers.

### **How are recipients selected?**

A non-partisan, KWHA affiliated and/or non-affiliated group will review the scholarship application.

### **When will I be notified if I received the scholarship or not?**

Scholarships are awarded each year at the KWHA Awards Banquet. Recipients are notified at this time.

### **If I am not awarded a scholarship, can I apply the next year?**

Yes! KWHA is filled with talented, inspiring youth and you are one of them!

### **If I am awarded a scholarship, is it renewable?**

No, applicants must reapply for future scholarships through KWHA. Once they have been granted a scholarship, students must maintain a "B"/3.0 or better grade-point average each academic year to be eligible to apply for additional KWHA scholarships. Proof of GPA must be submitted with application.

2017 KWA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

KWA Saddle Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Completed in Spring 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Enrolled in Fall 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

- On a separate page, include a 300-word or less essay on why you feel you deserve this scholarship
- Attach two Letters of Personal Recommendation as to your scholastic ability and general character
- Attach your Involvement Cards, signed by a KWA board member or KWA judge (cannot be a member of the applicant's family) and comments as to how you helped at this activity
- **Please mail, USPS with return receipt, completed applications to Trisha Haskell, PO Box 1612, Hays, KS 67601. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 15, 2017.**

## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Please describe your involvement in KWHA.
2. How has KWHA impacted your life?
3. What do you like best about KWHA?
4. If it were possible, what would you change about KWHA and why?
5. Tell us how you promote KWHA as an organization. Please give an example.
6. Would you consider serving KWHA in a leadership role? How and why?
7. What other horse-related activities are you involved in?
8. Tell us about any other extra-curricular activities and community services you are involved in.
9. Please share your higher education plans and goals.
10. How will this scholarship help achieve these goals?
11. Tell us about any honors or awards that you have received (horse related and non-horse related).

Kansas Western Horseman's Association  
Involvement Card



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Officials Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kansas Western Horseman's Association  
Involvement Card



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Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## KWHA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Immediate Member of a KWHA Family
- Member of Current KWHA Saddle Club
- Student in High School or Institution of High Learning
- Application
- Essay
- Two Letters of Personal Recommendation
- Involvement Cards (signed and commented on by KWHA board member or judge)
- Proof of cumulative "B"/3.0 Grade Point Average (for re-applicants)
- Signed Application
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