



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

For scholarship consideration, applicants must be an immediate member of a KWHAS family, must be a member of a KWHAS 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 KWHAS scholarship as a high school student or one as a student in an institute of higher learning each year.

An official KWHAS 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% - KWHAS Involvement
25% - Essay
20% - Application
15% - Letters of Recommendation

The school of your choice must provide KWHAS proof of enrollment before funds are disbursed. The proof of enrollment must come from the school directly to KWHAS via USPS.

**Please mail completed applications to:
Cameryn Kinderknecht 1300 Baughman St., Ellis, Kansas 67637
Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, September 13th, 2025.**

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 or the KWHA secretary.

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. Letters from family members will not be considered.

How are recipients selected?

A three-judge panel.

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 following 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.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Name of Parents or Guardians: _____

KWA Saddle Club: _____

Name of School
Completed in Spring 2025: _____

Year in School: _____

Name of School Enrolled in Fall 2025: _____

Name of High School: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____ Current Grade Point Average: _____

Signature of Applicant

- On a separate page, include a 300–500-word essay on why you feel you deserve this scholarship and how KWA has influenced your life.
- 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.

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2025 Involvement Card

Name of Applicant: _____

Date: _____ Name of Event: _____

Below Information to be filled out by the Event Official. Only one card may be filled out per event.

Activity(s) Performed at the Event (Please be Specific).

Signature of Event Official: _____



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2025 KWAH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Member of current KWAH 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 KWAH board member or judge)
- ☐ Signed Application
- ☐ Mailed USPS to Cameryn Kinderknecht 1300 Baughman St., Ellis, Kansas 67637.

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