



American Saddlebred Association of Arizona  
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## ASAA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

***Statement of Philosophy:*** *The purpose of the American Saddlebred Association of Arizona Scholarship program is to provide secondary academic education scholarships to members of the American Saddlebred Association of Arizona (ASAA) who demonstrate the following: involvement with ASAA, a commitment to the American Saddlebred industry, and proven academic success. Our hope is that this program will encourage the continued participation of our members while pursuing academic opportunities after high school, along with strengthening the American Saddlebred industry and breed participation.*

Scholarship awards total up to \$2000.00 for appropriate candidates.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of submitted evidence of eligibility, academic success, extracurricular activities (including community service), involvement with American Saddlebred breed and the American Saddlebred Association of Arizona, and personal references (not required). An interview may also be required.

Applicants must be a junior or senior in high school or a first year college student.

Applicants must be active members of the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASAA) for the past two years. Membership to The American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) is not required but will weigh positively during the application review.

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the institution, university, college or trade school for post-secondary educational expenses. If the applicant remains eligible, applications must be resubmitted annually.

Scholarships may be awarded to the same applicant more than once. New applications must be submitted for each year.

Included in the application will be a written essay outlining why they applicant is deserving of the award. Essays should be at most two (2) pages, single-spaced, and in 12-point type. The main objective of the essay is to give the selection committee a clear understanding of your possible career choices, individual goals, and strengths. Personal and family circumstances may be included.

A maximum of two (2) written references are not required but they will weigh positively during the application review. To avoid a conflict of interest, reference letters may not come from trainers, as many are ASAA board members. All references must be received directly from the author and received electronically or postmarked by January 31, 2017. Letters should be at most 2 pages each, single-spaced, and 12-point type. All reference letters should contain the following information:

- Reference's name
- References telephone number
- References address
- References occupation
- The name of the scholarship applicant
- In what capacity the applicant is known to the reference
- The length of time the applicant has been known to the reference.

References should review the application guidelines and discuss the applicant's personal qualities as well as character as they have experienced them. They should also indicate why they believe this applicant is qualified to receive this scholarship. Additional information may be included on a separate page.

Applicants must sign and submit the downloadable document "Assignment of Rights and Consent to Publish Scholarship Information."

Completed application, test scores, transcripts, reference letters, Assignment of Rights and Consent to Publish document, and a photo suitable for publication must be either received electronically or be postmarked by **January 31, 2018**. Electronic submissions are preferred.

Note: No applications will be held for review in subsequent years. All information submitted with the application will be held in strict confidence. No applications will be returned.

Questions should be directed to the Scholarship Program Chair, Marci Rowley at:  
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All electronically submitted applications should be sent to:  
**mrowley1951@gmail.com**

All postmarked applications should be sent to:  
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