

Reining Canada Scholarship Requirements

To Apply:

The applicant must be an NRHA Affiliate Youth member for at least 2 years and have maintained an NRHA and Affiliate membership (CCRHA, ORHA, RA, SRHA, AQR) up to and including the year of scholarship application.

The applicant must be in their senior year of high school pursuing post secondary education in a 2 or 4 year undergraduate, trade or technical program.

1. Applicants must submit a 2-page essay on the subject "How Horses have Played a Role in my Life"

Essay Criteria:

- *not to exceed 2 pages, typed 12 pt and double spaced;*
- *include description of involvement with horses specifically within the sport of reining;*
- *describe variety or significance of how your experiences had an effect on you;*
- *identify career goals / intentions.*

2. Applicants must submit a written professional letter of reference (teacher, coach, trainer, employer).

Reference Letter Criteria:

- *references must not be written by a family member or relative;*
- *must state how she/he knows the applicant and how long;*
- *reference must have knowledge of applicant's activities and experiences.*

3. Applicants must submit a high resolution photo - preferably an action photo of you and your horse.

Application Checklist:

All of the following must be included with the application form or the application will be considered incomplete and void:

- *Scholarship Application Form*
- *Essay*
- *Reference Letter*
- *Photo*

Funding will be issued directly to the university or school attended. Successful recipient(s) must provide name of school, financial aid contact name & information to release funds. If the recipient chooses to postpone their education, they must contact Reining Canada. If Reining Canada is not notified of intentions, the scholarship will be forfeited.

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Category Weights:

10% - Application Form - considering content, completeness, neatness & organization;

40% - Essay - reflection of character, values, involvement, self representation in consideration to horses / reining industry and their career goals;

20% - Reference letter - character reference with involvement in horses, school, work or other applicable activities. Identifying an ambassador of our sport and overall personal development (horsemanship, sportsmanship, etiquette, work ethic, etc);

30% - Community Involvement / Volunteer Activities - leadership in organizing or assistance with events/fundraisers or involvement with different organizations, clubs, etc. with higher rating if related to equine or reining organizations/events;