

MARIA KNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The UPHA Maria Knight Scholarship Program is funded through donations made to the program. The donations are set aside in a separate fund by the UPHA Foundation. The purpose of the program is to provide a scholarship to children of professional horsemen who are currently Active members of the UPHA.

Currently the amount available for distribution is \$10,000.00 per year. If more funds are available the amount distributed will be increased proportionately. If there are no eligible applicants in a given year the committee may choose not to award a scholarship for that year and increase the available funds for the following years.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available from the UPHA or the Scholarship Secretary. Completed applications with transcripts, a photo suitable for publication and a resume including information about your scholastic experiences, special interest, hobbies and activities both in relation to the applicant's equestrian career and participation in activities in school or the community, should be returned to the secretary by May 29. Prior scholarship and awards should also be included in the resume. At least two letters of recommendation should also be returned to the secretary by May 29. These letters are to be sent directly to the secretary by those making the recommendations.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

A committee of five people will be appointed by the current UPHA President. The committee will include at least two members of the Executive Board of the UPHA. Family members of the committee are prohibited from applying for the scholarship while that person serves on the committee. No individual may serve on the committee for more than three consecutive years. The committee will meet during the month of June to determine the recipients of the scholarship.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicants must have at least one parent who is a professional horseman and a current Active Member of the UPHA.

Applicant must be a senior currently enrolled in high school or currently enrolled in college and planning on continuing their education.

Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit of the applicant's high school or college transcripts, a resume demonstrating extra curricular activities both in relation to the applicant's equestrian career and participation in activities in school or the community. Prior scholarships and awards will also be considered. Financial need shall be taken into consideration.

TERMS:

A completed application, including high school or college transcripts, a photo suitable for publication, a resume including information about your scholastic experiences, special interests, hobbies and activities both in relation to the applications equestrian career and participation in activities in school or community, should be returned to the secretary by May 29. Prior scholarships and awards should also be included in the resume. At least two letters of recommendation should also be returned to the secretary by May 29. These letters are to be sent directly to the secretary by those making the recommendations.

Payment of the scholarship funds will be made directly to the institution, university, college or trade school upon receipt of verification of enrollment.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

You have been asked by this applicant to write a recommendation letter for the UPHA/Maria Knight Scholarship.

Your comments will be carefully considered by the selection committee in the evaluation of the applicant, along with the scholastic records, test scores, extra curricular and equestrian activities. Please include in your letter the attributes and achievements you feel make this applicant worthy of receiving the scholarship.

Please attach your letter to the enclosed form and return it to the Scholarship Secretary by May 29. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Beth Snider or UPHA.

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