



# Youth Scholarships

With the constantly rising cost of attending college, money earmarked for higher education is certainly handy. Here are some of the scholarships the American Paint Horse industry offers and how you can get applications.

## Youth Member of the Year

This award is given to an outstanding AjPHA youth member that has excelled in their personal life, their work with AjPHA, and their community.

### *Eligibility requirements:*

Youth should be nominated by their APHA or AjPHA regional club by securing the signature of the club's president on their application. There is no limit to the number of applications from each club. The nominee must be a current AjPHA member and be 18 years old or younger as of January 1 of the year applying. The nominee may not be a current National AjPHA President, President-elect, Vice President Secretary, or Treasurer. A nominee's name may be presented for consideration until the nominee wins the award or exceeds the age limit.

### *Awards:*

The AjPHA Youth Member of the Year will receive a custom-designed belt buckle and a **\$1000 Scholarship**. The winner will also be recognized in the *Paint Horse Connection & Paint Horse Journal*. The award will be presented at the AjPHA Awards Banquet during the Youth World Championship Show.

## American Paint Horse Foundation Scholarships

Each year, the American Paint Horse Foundation awards scholarship funds to some of AjPHA's most deserving young members.

### **46 Permanent Endowments that issue \$1,000 Scholarships Yearly**

The Foundation has a long history of establishing scholarship funds for deserving children to continue their education and develop strong leadership skills. Over the past quarter century, the American Paint Horse Foundation has awarded more than \$530,000 in scholarships to students. A youth development program also helps fund American Junior Paint Horse leadership symposiums every year.

Who are the students who receive Foundation scholarships? They are hard-working young horsemen and -women you see striving every day to be the best both in their American Paint Horse activities and in their academic pursuits. These students are supported by the generous donations given to the Foundation program by APHA members.

To be considered for a scholarship, students must be a member of the AjPHA or APHA, must pass a college entrance examination, provide three letters of reference and submit an essay of 500 words maximum, explaining their educational plans. Once they have been granted a scholarship, they must maintain a "B" or better grade-point average to be eligible for renewal.

To apply for an academic scholarship, the application and letters of reference must be postmarked by March 1. You can download the application and recommendation form or request one be mailed to you by contacting: [rteate@apha.com](mailto:rteate@apha.com).