



Horsemen's Council of Illinois

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ILLINOIS EQUINE FOUNDATION

Originated by the Horsemen's Council of Illinois, the Illinois Equine Foundation provides scholarship funds for those interested in pursuing or advancing a horse-related career.

RUBY HOLMQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



THE RUBY HOLMQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS IN MEMORY OF RUBY HOLMQUIST; DEDICATED HORSEWOMAN, LOYAL HCI DIRECTOR AND INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO KNEW HER. THE RUBY HOLMQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IS RESTRICTED TO AN

ILLINOIS RESIDENT FOR ASSISTING IN THE PURSUIT OF OR ADVANCEMENT IN A HORSE-RELATED CAREER.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

GUIDELINES FOR THE RUBY HOLMQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Ruby Holmquist Memorial Scholarship is awarded by the Horseman's Council of Illinois (HCI) Scholarship recipients must hold an individual membership in HCI during the term of the award. Applicants need not be a member in order to apply.
- B. This scholarship is restricted to an Illinois resident and is to be used for the purpose of assisting in the pursuit of or advancement in a horse-related career.
- C. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the HCI Scholarship Committee in consultation with the HCI Board of Directors.
- D. The Scholarship will be awarded annually. Recipients are restricted from repeat application. Previous applicants not receiving an award may reapply.
- E. Recipient and applicants will be notified as soon as a decision is reached by the HCI Scholarship Committee.
- F. Awarding of this scholarship depends solely on availability of funds and receipt of applications considered deserving of support by the HCI Scholarship Committee. All awards are made at the sole discretion of the Horseman's Council of Illinois and may be withheld or discontinued at any time. All promises of award for a particular year will be considered binding on HCI following notification of the recipient in writing.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The award will be presented by the President of Horseman's Council of Illinois to the recipient in a ceremony at Horse Fair. Therefore, the recipient must attend Horse Fair.
- B. This scholarship is to be used expressly for the direct funding of an educational program or event and/or to support travel to/enrollment in such event. Recipient must document with receipts or enrollment records how the scholarship money was spent. Inappropriate use of scholarship funds will be subject to full or partial reimbursement to HCI up to the full amount of the award.
- C. The entire scholarship award must be spent by December 31 of the year awarded.
- D. The scholarship recipient must present to the HCI Board of Directors, in person or via essay, an explanation of what was gained, personally and/or professionally, with the assistance of this scholarship. Presentation is to be made at the HCI annual (winter) retreat in the year following the award.
- E. Names, photos and information about the recipients of the Ruby Holmquist Memorial Scholarship may be used in publications, advertisements and/or public relations materials released by the Horseman's Council of Illinois.

III. DEADLINE

Application and all supporting materials must be postmarked no later than December 1. It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure that all materials are received on time. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Send completed application materials and supporting documentation to:

Ruby Holmquist Memorial Scholarship
Sheryl S. King, Ph.D.
Scholarship Committee Chair
Department of Animal Science
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901-4417
Tel: (618) 453-1771; FAX (618) 453-5231

IV. CHECKLIST

When returning the enclosed application, please include the following:

- a. the completed application form.
- b. the career goals essay.
- c. a copy of your most recent transcript from high school, college, technical school, etc., and/or resume where applicable (see Educational Background section).
- d. supplemental activities sheet if applicable.
- e. letters of recommendation or a list of those submitting recommendations.
- f. other relevant materials.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(please type or print clearly in ink)

I. PERSONAL

Name: _____ (last) (first) (middle)

Home Address: _____

City: _____, IL Zip: _____

College Address (if applicable):

Telephone: (____) _____ (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

Email: _____
day/work/college evening/home/parents

Date of Birth: _____ Year in college (if applicable): _____
mo/day/yr

Occupation & Employer:

II. FAMILY (to be completed only by minors or financially-dependent students)

Father's Name: _____ (last) (first) (middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation & Employer:

Mother's Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Address (if different from above):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation & Employer:

_____ Number of Siblings: _____ Ages: _____

How many of these are in college? _____

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List in reverse chronological order all schools attended in the past 10 years:

<i>Name of School</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Degree</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Grade Point Average for the past 2 years: _____

Academic Honors, Awards & Distinctions:

****Those applying for support to college/technical school and/or those within 6 years after High School graduation must submit transcript(s) from the place of your most recent 2 years of formal education.***

****Applicants other than above must submit a resume of your lifetime achievements.***

IV. ACTIVITIES (use supplemental pages if necessary)

List your activities in the areas specified. Include the number of years of participation and any offices you held or awards you received.

Leadership Activities (Extracurricular, Community, Recreation):

Involvement with/Achievements with Horses:

V. WORK EXPERIENCE paid or volunteer (those with extensive work histories may substitute a separate resume)

<i>Job</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Dates</i>

VI. CAREER GOALS

On a separate page, submit a 500-1,000 word statement explaining your career goals as they involve horses or the horse industry and your plans to achieve them. How will this scholarship assist in the achievement of your goals?

VII. OTHER

Include any other relevant material, which might help us judge your application.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

A minimum of **three recommendations** must be submitted in support of this application. Recommendations must be postmarked by the application deadline and should include at least one from each of the following categories.

- A horseperson who has observed and can evaluate your work with horses or a horse-related activity.
- An employer or teacher.
- Other