



Educational Scholarship/Grant Program Guidelines

The purpose of the North Texas Eventing Association is to engage in educational activities to foster amateur equestrian sports, especially eventing. Each year, NTEA offers educational scholarship/grant funds to members, with a maximum of \$500 to any individual. These awards are to be made at the discretion of the Scholarships & Awards Committee and Board and are to be used for the specific purpose and within the specific timeframe identified in the Scholarship Application and Acceptance Letter. Scholarship awards are competitive and not based on financial need. They will be awarded based on best applications received, in the sole discretion of the Committee and Board. The Board reserves the right to extend the deadline, change the total awards or change the number and allocation of funds in its sole discretion. The rules and terms of each year's scholarship program will be identified annually on the NTEA website.

NTEA's educational scholarship/grant program is designed to award educational funding to members who:

- ◆ actively participate in the sport of eventing,
- ◆ have a significant, demonstrable history of volunteer service to the eventing community, with specific preference to those who have served for NTEA and events hosted by its member Organizers,
- ◆ commit to serve on behalf of NTEA and its programs in the upcoming year,
- ◆ commit to use scholarship funds in the upcoming year for a specific educational activity (as identified in the Scholarship Application).

Any NTEA member may apply for an educational scholarship. Number of years of active NTEA membership will be considered by the Committee. In awarding educational scholarships, the Committee strongly seeks to encourage and reward service to NTEA, its member event organizers, and the eventing community in general. If you have not previously been an active volunteer, please start now by contacting any NTEA Board member or local event organizer and asking "What can I do to help?"

Conditions of Awards: Current NTEA Board members, current Scholarships & Awards Committee members, their immediate family members, and scholarship winners in the past three years are not eligible for educational scholarships during the current year. The Scholarships & Awards Committee will review applications received, make a recommendation to the Board for approval, and notify the winner(s). Each winner must privately accept the scholarship by signing an Acceptance Letter which identifies the terms of the award, including use, service and reporting requirements. After signing his or her Acceptance Letter, the winner(s) will be publicly announced at the next Awards Banquet. Awards must be used promptly and in accordance with the requirements of the Acceptance Letter (unless a variance is approved in writing by the Board for good cause shown). In most cases, NTEA will pay scholarship funds directly to the clinician, organizer, etc. identified in the Application or reimburse the winner after the event is completed, in its sole discretion. Recipients who fail to use funds in accordance with these Conditions or with the Acceptance Letter must refund the award to NTEA within 10 days after written request.

Applicants must submit: a signed, current Scholarship Application, two letters of recommendation, and a 750 word essay which complies with the requirements specified in the Scholarship Application.

Applications and all supporting paperwork must be received by NTEA no later than the dates and in the manner stated on the NTEA website. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Application and all supporting paperwork are submitted by the deadline and to confirm with the Committee Chairperson that the paperwork was received on time. Incomplete or late paperwork will not be considered. **Questions?** Contact the Committee Chairperson listed on the NTEA website.