Missouri Horse Shows Association Scholarship Program

Section 1. Purpose: To provide scholarship funds to a young member of MHSA who has demonstrated leadership in both the Equestrian world and in other aspects of life. This award is not solely based on Equestrian ability, but on all aspects of those qualities inherent in a well-rounded individual who has demonstrated the positive qualities encouraged by MHSA: responsibility, honesty, integrity, and interest in all things equine.

Section 2. Eligibility:

1. Must be a member of MHSA
2. High School Junior or Senior

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to participate

Section 3. Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on:

1. Participation in MHSA
2. Demonstration of Leadership
3. Scholastic Achievement

Section 4. Applicants will be required to provide:

a.) Three Letters of Recommendation:

1. High school teacher or other school professional
2. Riding instructor or trainer
3. Other of applicants choosing

b.) A list of extra-curricular activities with honors received (high school, civic, church, etc)

c.) A description of past and present involvement with MHSA

d.) An essay on how involvement in MHSA has influenced your life (500 word maximum)

Section 5. Process:

Applications are available from any member of the Scholarship Committee or on the MHSA website, www.missourihorseshowsassociation.org.

The completed application must be sent to Scholarship Committee Chairperson and received no later than January 31th.

A winner will be chosen by the MHSA Scholarship Committee** (see below **) and will be awarded at the Annual Celebration of Champions.

(** Scholarship Committee to be comprised of the Chairpersons of each MHSA Council and volunteers from the MHSA Board. The Committee Chair will be the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, and the Co-Chair be the Financial Steering Committee Chair.)

Section 6. Weight of factors listed in Selection Criteria:

MHSA Participation 40%

Leadership: 30%

Scholastic: 30%

Section 7. Redemption of Scholarship:

The MHSA Scholarship winner will receive a certificate designating them as the winner. The scholarship must be used on or before the recipient's 21st birthday, excluding military service. Failure to use the certificate in the specified time will result in its forfeiture. When the rider wishes to use the certificate, she/he must notify the MHSA Scholarship Committee in writing. Upon receipt of notification, the scholarship will be sent to the designated institution.

MHSA Scholarship Application
(2020 Show Season)

Please Print
Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____*

Riding Instructor: _____

Riding Instructor Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please see attached MHSA Scholarship Program information sheet for instructions.

Mail this and other forms to MHSA Scholarship Chairperson:
Ben Hibbs
313 Foxfire Dr
Columbia, MO 65201

All applications must be received by MHSA no later than January 31, 2021. If you have questions, please contact Ben at bcmhibbs@gmail.com.
*Age is determined by your age as of December 1 of the current show season.
Show seasons run from December 1 – November 31; persons born on December 1 will assume the greater age on that date.