

# National Cutting Horse Association Scholarship Programs

## **NYCHA & Walton Family Foundation Scholarship**

**PURPOSE:** To reward NYCHA members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities, excellence in academics, involvement in school, community, and church, and involvement in the National Youth Cutting Horse Association.

**DESCRIPTION:** The scholarship is a \$5,000 annual scholarship payable in the fall and spring semesters in the amount of \$2,500 per semester to the college in the student's name. The Walton Family Foundation supports these scholarships through the NCHA Charities Foundation.

### **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicant must have been a member of NYCHA.
2. Applicant must have participated in the Levels of Excellence Award Program (LEAP).

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## **NCHA – CIA Charities Foundation Scholarship**

**PURPOSE:** The CIA's top priorities are the education of our youth and assistance to NCHA families in times of crisis. NCHA Charities has provided \$487,000 in scholarship funds to children of NCHA members. There are nine individual funds available to provide financial-aid scholarships to NCHA youth.

**DESCRIPTION:** The scholarship varies depending on the applicant's financial need. Typical scholarship awards are \$5,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 payable in the fall and spring semesters in the amount of \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500 per semester, respectively. Scholarships will be paid to the college or university in the student's name. The NCHA Charities Foundation supports these scholarships through individual donations and fundraising.

### **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

1. One immediate family member of the applicant must be an active NCHA member in good standing for the past three years. The applicant need not be a member.

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

The applicant must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. A high school graduate or GED recipient. (**Current high school seniors about to graduate are eligible to apply**)
2. The applicant must meet membership requirements as stated above for each type of scholarship.

## **GENERAL RULES OF APPLICATION**

- A. An applicant who has not completed at least one semester of full time college coursework at the time the application is made must meet the following criteria:
1. The applicant must rank in the upper 50 percent of their high school graduating class.
  2. The applicant must achieve a minimum test score of 20 on the ACT or 950 on the SAT.
  3. The applicant's total household income must be less than \$100,000.
- B. An applicant who has completed at least one semester of college at the time the application is made must meet the following criteria:
1. The applicant must have a college Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in the semester immediately prior to submitting an application with a minimum of 12 credit hours.
  2. The applicant must be a continuing undergraduate student.
- C. Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to re-apply, but no scholarships will be automatically renewed. An updated application must be submitted each year for consideration. Applicants re-applying for a scholarship will be evaluated on the basis of their college record from the time the last grant was awarded to the time the pending application is reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
- D. An applicant accepted to one of the Government Military Academies\* is considered to have a full scholarship and will NOT be eligible to receive this award. \*Government Military Academies include: US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, US Military Academy (West Point), US Naval Academy and US Merchant Marine Academy.
- E. An applicant must not have reached age 21 by April 1 in the year that application for the first grant is made.
- F. Funds are not transferable to studies overseas unless payment continues to be made to the US College, University or trade school.

## **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY DURING THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PERIOD**

1. The recipient must be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in an accredited university, college, or trade school.
  - Full-time enrollment requires the successful completion of 12 credit hours per semester.
  - Students who have a grade of incomplete ("I") at the end of the semester will not be considered for renewal if they fail to complete 12 credit hours.
  - Concurrent enrollment on another campus cannot be used to meet full-time enrollment status nor be paid for by the scholarship.
2. The recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.0 in each of the semesters the scholarship is granted.
  - Students who fail to maintain a 3.0 semester GPA but achieve at least a 2.5 semester GPA during the scholarship award period may be granted a probationary period during the following semester only. Probation is not available for any subsequent semesters.

- Students who fail to obtain at least a 2.5 semester GPA during the scholarship award period will not be considered for probation and the student will not receive the scholarship.
- A student who is on probation must obtain at least a 3.0 semester GPA during the probationary semester in order to re-apply for the scholarship.
- Eligibility to continue on scholarship is reviewed at the end of the fall (December) and spring (May) semesters. Summer term grades are reviewed as part of the student's overall college record if the student applies for renewal but will not be used for determining reinstatement of scholarship or cause a student to go on probation.
- It is the student's responsibility to submit a copy of semester grades to the NCHA office at the end of each semester.

### **PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

All application forms must be mailed in ONE complete package, with the counselor's form included in a separate sealed envelope. Please type or print legibly. Please **DO NOT** fold applications. **Use only the space provided, DO NOT attach additional pages.**

Make sure you have included the following in your application packet:

1. Student application form.
2. Counselor's form (if first time applicant).
3. One reference form filled out and submitted by an NCHA area director or affiliate officer.
4. Your 7-semester high school transcript & ACT/SAT scores (or eight semester high school transcript if applicant has graduated).
5. A copy of your most recent NYCHA LEAP Form if you did not turn one in for the current year. (NYCHA Members only)
6. A copy of parent's or guardian's (custodial parent) latest IRS return and a copy of the applicant's return if the applicant filed. \*If current year's return is not available by the deadline, the previous year's return must be sent with the application until the current year's return is available to submit. If parents are divorced, the non-custodial parent's return must also be submitted if the applicant currently receives more than half of their support from the non-custodial parent or will receive more than half their support from the non-custodial parent during the award year. Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, and so on.
7. All college, university or trade school transcripts if applicable.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 15. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Mail complete applications to:**

National Cutting Horse Association  
Dayna Smith, Youth Coordinator  
260 Bailey Avenue  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status as soon as selection has been made. Questions regarding this scholarship can be directed to Dayna Smith, at (817) 244-6188 or [youth@nchacutting.com](mailto:youth@nchacutting.com)