



Application Instructions

Criteria, Eligibility, Limitations, and Instructions

Beginning in 2021, the Great Falls All Breeds Horse Club (GFAB) will be awarding scholarship(s) to outstanding, deserving, GFAB youth members planning to further their education in equestrian activities, or apply towards Ag or animal-related educational opportunities. Two scholarships will be awarded, one in the 12 & Under division and the Youth 13-18 division. The amount, as well as the total number of scholarships offered, are based on funds raised through the GFAB's various fundraising efforts throughout the year. Guaranteed awards will be one \$250 scholarship in our 12 & Under division and one \$400 scholarship in our Ages 13-18 division. Application and required documents **MUST BE** postmarked no later than December 23, 2021. Emailed submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete submissions or those postmarked after the deadline will not be considered. Regretfully, exceptions cannot be made.

Criteria

Great Falls All Breeds will award scholarship(s) to those meeting the requirements listed in the "Eligibility" section of this application. The scholarship(s) will be awarded based on an essay, a leadership statement, and letter of recommendation. Individual applicants will receive no more than one (1) scholarship from the GFAB.

An independent selection committee will consist of at least three non-GFAB members. The selection committee will evaluate all applications on a non-discriminatory basis. The scholarship chairperson will sanitize all applications to hide personally identifiable information of the applicant. All sanitized applications will be forwarded to the selection committee for scoring. The selection committee will forward all results to the scholarship chairperson. All decisions made by the selection committee and scholarship committee will be final. Any unwillingness on the part of an applicant or an applicant's representative to abide by the selection committee's or scholarship committee's decision will result in rejection of the application.

Eligibility

Each Applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. A current year member of the GFAB Horse Club with the intent of furthering equine knowledge.
2. Application and all required documents are subject to verification. Essays submitted must be the original work of the student, generated from their personal experience and illustrating their personality and equine passion.

Limitations

1. Scholarships are intended for the recipient to further their interests and education in the equine field (lessons, clinics, shows, camps, and educational materials).
2. Payment of the scholarship money will be made directly to the selected recipient upon formal acknowledgement of winning at the Annual Awards Banquet.

2021 Scholarship Application Instructions

To apply for a 2021 GFAB Scholarship, eligible applicants must send the completed application package to the GFAB Scholarship Committee and **postmarked no later than Thursday, December 23, 2021** to the following address. Emailed submissions will not be accepted:

GFAB Scholarship Committee
c/o Kelly Speidel
35 Sunrise Ln
Cascade, MT 59421

1. An original essay which must include the following:

- Ages 12 & Under: Describe how being a part of the Great Falls All Breeds Horse Club and riding horses has made your life more enjoyable? How has GFAB influenced your love of horses?
- Ages 13-18: In addition to the above question for the 12 & Under, describe how living in an agricultural community has shaped your life. How will this experience morph your educational goals or your future as a productive member of society?

A. Typing Requirements:

1. Your essay must be typed on 8 ½ x 11" paper with one-inch margins all around.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of one-and-a-half pages, using 1.5-spaced, typed, using Times New Roman 12-point font.
3. In upper right hand of the paper, please mark the first 4 letters of your last name.
4. Please right justify the page number in the footer.

B. Scoring:

1. Any plagiarized submittal will be immediately excluded from consideration and application rejected.
2. Your essay and overall submission will be scored by an independent selection committee made up of GFAB members and GFAB supportive community members.
 - i. Your essay is 70% of your total package score.
 - ii. Fifteen (15%) percent of your score is based on your involvement within the horse community (volunteer, consistent participant, etc)

iii. Fifteen (15%) is based on your letter of recommendation. They will use the Criteria listed below.

2. A letter of recommendation completed by a person who is not related to you and who can attest to your leadership skills, love for horses/animals, and character. The letter must be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope with your package. Professional (Horse trainer, 4-H Leader, for example) or a school faculty recommendation (No more than 1 page, please).
3. The completed application form with original signatures of the student.

Please direct all questions to the Scholarship Chair at GFABMembership@gmail.com or by phone, to Wendy Newman, at 406-788-8837.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Emailed submissions will not be accepted.



Great Falls All Breeds 2021 Scholarship Application Form

What Scholarship are you applying for?
(Please place a check in the appropriate box)

- 12 & Under - \$250
 Ages 13-18 - \$400

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address (or Parent e-mail address)		Telephone Number	
How did you hear about this scholarship?			

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of School you are currently attending (if home schooled, write "Home Schooled")	Grade:
If you are awarded a scholarship, how would you apply the award money (riding lessons, go to horse camp, attend more horse shows, save it for college, etc)?	

REFERENCE LETTER*

Please indicate below who will be providing your reference letter.

Name	Institution Name (if not institutional or professional – indicate personal)
Department Name (if applicable)	Email

* The letter must be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope with your package.

EQUINE PARTICIPATION

Please list all the activities, clubs, education, showing experience that you have been involved in during this past year. Please also list any office or chairperson experience you are currently or recently held. Please use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Pertinent information may also be released to the media if I receive a scholarship.

I understand that all applications will be evaluated on my essay, my commitment to GFAB and the equine community at large, and a reference letter. I understand that submission of an application in no way guarantees that a scholarship will be awarded. I understand that my application will not be considered if it is incomplete, submitted after the deadline, or lost in the mail. I confirm that any money received will be non-transferrable and is awarded with intentions of being used towards furthering my passion in equestrian activities or agriculture/environmental/animal-specific endeavors.

I have included:

- Completed Application
- A sealed Letter of Reference
- Essay

Applicant's Signature

Date

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