



2023 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. Several scholarships will be awarded, depending on the qualified applications received, the specific scholarships applied for, and the amount of funds raised through the GFAB's various fundraising efforts throughout the year. Application and required documents **MUST BE** postmarked no later than February 17, 2024 OR emailed no later than February 21, 2024. Incomplete submissions or those posted 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 GFAB scholarship(s) will be awarded based on an essay and a leadership statement (community involvement). Independent scholarships have different requirements, to include work experience and/or letter of recommendation, depending upon the scholarship(s) applying for.

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 committees for scoring. The selection committee will forward all results to the scholarship chairperson. All decisions made by the selection committees 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) and/or Ag related endeavors.
2. Payment of the scholarship money will be made directly to the selected recipient upon formal acknowledgement of winning at the Annual Awards Banquet.

To apply for 2023 GFAB Scholarships, eligible applicants must send the completed application package to the GFAB Scholarship Committee and **postmarked no later than Saturday, February 17, 2024** or **emailed no later than Wednesday, February 21, 2024** to the following address:

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

GFABmembership@gmail.com

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

2023 GFAB Scholarship Application Instructions

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 horses are contributing to your educational or life goals?

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. 30% percent of your score is based on your involvement within the horse community (volunteer, consistent participant, etc)

2. The completed application form with original signatures of the student.



Bird Tail Ranch Scholarship Application Instructions

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 horses are contributing to your educational or life goals?

Any plagiarized submittal will be immediately excluded from consideration and application rejected.

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.

2. Letter of Recommendation

- The letter of recommendation should give a picture your characteristics, performance and experience, strengths, capabilities, and professional promise from someone who has worked closely or has supervised you.

3. Scoring:

Your essay and overall submission will be evaluated by family members of the Bird Tail Ranch.

- 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%) percent of your score is based upon the recommendation of a teacher, club leader or other person not related to you.

4. The completed application form with original signatures of the student.



Switchback Veterinary Clinic Application Instructions

Eligible to students 13-18 years of age, only.

1. Letter of Recommendation

- The letter of recommendation should give a picture your characteristics, performance and experience, strengths, capabilities, and professional promise from someone who has worked closely or has supervised you.

2. Scoring:

Your overall submission will be scored by the owner/veterinarian of Switchback Veterinary Clinic and a team of evaluators as she deems appropriate.

- i. 50% is your work and volunteer experience
- ii. 25% percent of your score is based on your involvement within the animal community (volunteer, consistent participant, etc)
- iii. 25% percent of your score is based upon the recommendation of a teacher, club leader or supervisor.

3. The completed application form with original signatures of the student.



Great Falls All Breeds General 2023 Scholarship Application Form

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	12 & Under \$250 by GFAB
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 & Under \$250 by Bird Tail Ranch
<input type="checkbox"/>	13-18 \$250 by Switchback Veterinary
<input type="checkbox"/>	13-18 \$400 by GFAB

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 with your package. This letter is **ONLY REQUIRED for the Bird Tail Ranch** and/or **Switchback Veterinary Clinic** scholarship.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Please list all the activities, clubs, education, showing experience that you have been involved in during this past year (2023) that are associated with animals. Please also list any office or chairperson experience you are currently or recently held. Please use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

VOLUNTEER/WORK EXPERIENCE*

Please describe/list all volunteer and paid positions you have had over the past year (2023) involving animals. Please use a separate piece of paper if needed. *This section is **ONLY REQUIRED FOR the Switchback Veterinary Clinic** scholarship

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 based upon which scholarship I am applying for. 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 Letter of Reference (if wanting to be considered for Bird Tail Ranch & Switchback Veterinary Clinic scholarship)
- Essay
- Listing of volunteer and work experience (if wanting to be considered for Switchback Veterinary Clinic scholarship)

Applicant's Signature

Date
