

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR
IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
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This application **must be completed and received by the Idaho Horse Council office by April 10, 2026** in order to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Applications received later than the above date will **NOT** be reviewed. **You will be notified sometime after May 8, 2026 if you are a scholarship winner.** Scholarship awards will be given directly to the institution that the recipient will be attending in the following manner: A minimum of two thousand dollars will be sent directly to the school upon receipt of acceptance. Scholarship awards will only be given in the year they are awarded for.

Applicant must be involved with equine and/or the equine industry. To be eligible, the applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Idaho and a member of either an Idaho Horse Council affiliate organization or the Idaho Youth Horse Council.

NAME OF AFFILIATE: _____

PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____

Permanent Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Estimated gross income per year _____

Number of dependent children in household _____

Number of dependent children in college _____

(You may write "same" in any spaces below for answers that are redundant within a single family.)

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Estimated gross income per year _____

Number of dependent children in household _____

Number of dependent children in college _____

PART II - SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current high school attending _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

School contact person and title _____

Attach personal/school resume, for the last four years, that includes the following:

1. School organizations or clubs in which you participate
2. Special achievements
3. Involvement with horses and/or the horse industry
4. Scholastic achievements/awards/activities

PART III - SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE

1. The applicant must be eligible to be awarded a High School Diploma this year. GPA must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 3.8 on a 6.0 scale. A current official high school transcript (including at least the first semester) must be included. (no copies or scanned documents).

2. An official copy of the applicant's ACT and/or SAT or similar exam results must be attached if not included on high school transcript.

PART IV - APPLICANT ESSAY (300 – 500 words)

Attach to the application in essay form, the following, using complete sentences.

1. Why do you desire to continue your education?
2. Describe personal qualities that you believe qualify you to receive a scholarship.
3. Indicate what you believe your primary interest/course of college study will be & why.
4. Relate your work experience and/or general work background.
5. Discuss your experience or background involving equine activities.
6. Indicate any circumstances regarding financial need.

PART V - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship selection will be based upon scholastic aptitude, leadership potential, sportsmanship, and community/civic responsibility. Further, the recipient of this scholarship will have demonstrated their involvement with equine and/or the equine industry (for example, 4H programs, FFA, Rodeo Clubs/Associations, Pony Club, Shows, trail riding or any other organized or individual participation involving equine).
2. Two letters (from individuals not related to applicant) of personal recommendation regarding the applicant's character, scholastic ability, school achievement/ involvement and community/civic involvement. Letters must be on letterhead stationery, signed, and sealed in individual envelopes addressed to the IHC.
Copies of email correspondence will not be accepted as a reference.
3. Photo of applicant: 8" by 10" black & white portrait, no copies, no scanned photos.
Pictures become the property of the IHC and will not be returned. **Photos of recipients will be posted on the IHC website.**
4. Proof of enrollment and standing as a freshman or entry level at the beginning of the upcoming academic year. This is a letter of acceptance from the institution you are enrolled in. Forms from other schools you have considered ARE NOT to be included.
Institution you will be attending this fall:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School contact person/title/phone _____

School Scholarship office contact person and phone number _____

PART VI - APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge the information contained in this application to be true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that fraudulent information may result in disqualification of any scholarship money awarded and or may disqualify me from future consideration for scholarship funding from the Idaho Horse Council.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

CHECK LIST

This page must be returned with your application. Please check-off everything you completed before you return your application.

- Mail application to completed on official Idaho Horse Council form must be received by the IHC's office no later than April 10, 2026. Any application received after that date will not be considered.
- Name of Idaho Horse Council Affiliate
- Information regarding parents or guardians must be entered, (Part I).
- Personal resume (Part II)
- Certified school transcript for High School: no copies, no scanned documents. (Part III.1.)
- Last available official ACT/SAT or similar exam results must be attached if not included on official high school transcript. (Part III.2.)
- 300-500-word ESSAY. (Part IV)
- Two letters of recommendation (Part V.2.)
- Photo of applicant: 8" by 10" black & white portrait (Part V.3.)
- Proof of enrollment (letter of acceptance). (Part V.4)
- Information from the institution you will be attending – name of the person who will be acknowledging your enrollment at the institution, their address, and phone number. Name of school scholarship office contact person and telephone number. (Part V.4.)
- Signatures of parents or guardians.
