

The Endurance Riders of Alberta Youth Scholarship

The Vision

The Vision of The Endurance Riders of Alberta Youth Scholarship is to recognize and honor the dedication, consistency, horsemanship, promotion of the sport, and sportsmanship that Endurance Riders of Alberta's young riders demonstrate during their endurance career, on and off the trail.

About the author

Jessica Yavis started riding at the age of eight on her pride and joy, Jahlad. Her mother believes that this horse, and her commitment, got her through her teen years. By twelve, she had received her one-thousand-mile buckle, and at thirteen, she had done her first one-hundred-mile ride. At fifteen, she was in Kentucky representing Canada as a Young Rider team member. Over the following three years in Kentucky, she won gold and silver with Team Canada, completing all three events and on her own horse. She has written and published articles for the AERC magazine. She has started and run the club's Facebook page, sat on the board in various capacities and volunteered at numerous rides and clinics. At this writing, she is in line for her five-thousand-mile buckle. She has done all this while finishing high school and university, and is now a registered social worker, and just twenty-one years old. Her goal remains the development of this sport, and she is extremely active in the promotion of Endurance with youth. These ideals suggest some of the qualities that the scholarship embodies. This scholarship was created with this foundation by a subcommittee dedicated to creating better futures for youth in the sport of endurance.

Owen Fulcher, Endurance Riders of Alberta, 2017

The Amount

\$1000 for one recipient per year.

Requirements/Guidelines/Restrictions

- Deadline to apply is November 1st. The ERA Board of Directors will review the application. Recipient is announced at the following AGM in January.
- Can be applied to any accredited program at any accredited technical school/specialized training/college/university.
- Alberta resident only
- Only available to ages 21 and under (not able to apply if you are aged 22 by January 1st)
- Must be an active member of Endurance Riders of Alberta.
- Minimum GPA 2.0.
- Minimum of 10 volunteer hours with ERA required.
- Minimum of 250 competitive miles with ERA required.
- Volunteer hours in your community will be considered.
- Past recipients are not eligible.
- Providing false information on the application will forfeit your current application. You may then apply the following year if you are still eligible.

Scholarship Application

Name _____ ERA# _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____ Current age _____

Birthdate _____ Grade Point Average _____ (Post Secondary Only)

Average Grade of Last Completed Year of School _____ (High School Only)

Amount of Competitive ERA Miles: _____

School & Program that you are enrolled in that you would like to apply the scholarship to:

In 1,000 words total, please answer the following (on a separate piece of paper/typed):

1. List the awards, mileage, and recognition you have from ERA.
2. How does endurance riding make you a better citizen in your community?
3. List your volunteer experience at endurance rides. Be specific on the ride(s), date(s) and what you did to help, including trail maintenance.
4. Tell us about the partnership that you and your horse have!
5. What are your future plans and goals within the sport of endurance riding?

You must also include:

1. A copy of your latest grade transcript from your current school.
2. Letter of acceptance or confirmation of enrollment into the program you plan on applying the scholarship to.
3. One letter of recommendation from an adult familiar with your riding experience.
4. A second letter of recommendation from an adult non-family member familiar with your contributions to Endurance Riders of Alberta and/or your community.

Please send completed application to: erascholarship@gmail.com

Application must be received by November 1st

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