



BCHSA Junior Board **“Equine Enthusiast”** **Scholarship Award**

The Junior Board of the Baltimore County Horse Show Association proudly sponsors the “Equine Enthusiast” Scholarship Award. The scholarship(s) will be awarded to junior members in recognition of their outstanding interest in, enthusiasm for, and dedication to horses. The number and size of the scholarship(s) each year will be determined by the amount of funds raised during the year from various Junior Board sponsored activities. This year (2010), the Scholarship Fund is approaching \$2,500! So, it is likely that there will be more than one scholarship award given this year (one for “olders” and one for “youngers”), with a minimum of \$1,000.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be junior members (not older than 17 on December 1, 2009 - “junior show age”) of BCHSA, and ride in at least 5 of the “Benefit Hack” classes at the BCHSA shows during the year.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The purpose of the scholarship award is to recognize junior members who have demonstrated a sustained enthusiasm for horses. The scholarship is intended to help support junior members in their pursuit of academic and/or equestrian-related educational activities. The award may be used for college or other school tuition, riding clinics, or other professional or vocational training. If participation in the educational activity requires travel, e.g., to an out of town clinic, the funds may be used to help defray the cost of travel and accommodations.

APPLICATION (Due Wednesday, October 20)

To apply for the scholarship, qualified applicants must write an essay that briefly describes their interest in, enthusiasm for, and dedication to horses. For example, some questions to consider discussing in the essay include: Why do you ride? What do you like about horses? What have you learned from them? What can others learn from them? How have they affected your life (and the lives of others) in a positive way? Applicants also might consider describing the following:

- 1- Your interest and experience in riding and/or working with horses, including any significant awards and/or recognitions that you’ve received;
- 2- Any community service that you’ve done related to horses;
- 3- How horses and horse showing have affected your life;
- 4- What you have learned from riding and working around horses;
- 5- Why you want the scholarship and what you will do with the award if you win it;
- 6- Your future ambitions related to riding and horses.

Please limit your essay to no more than 1,000 words (previous scholarship award winners are not eligible).

SELECTION PANEL

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Selection Panel that includes a balance of Board members, BCHSA member volunteers, and other friends of the association as deemed appropriate and necessary.

DEADLINE:

Essays must be submitted by email to Julie Wright (thebarnwife@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, October 20, 2010.**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD(S), AMOUNTS, AND PRESENTATION

The Annual BCHSA Junior Board 'Equine Enthusiast' Scholarship Award will be in the amount of at least \$1,000 this year (2010). There may be more than one award each year, and the amounts may be more than \$1,000 depending on the amount of the annual scholarship fund that is available in that year. If there are multiple awards then they will be of equivalent amounts within each year, and consideration will be given to making awards to both older and younger applicants. The final selection of the awardees, number of awards, and amount of the awards will be made by the Scholarship Selection Panel, and will be announced and presented at the Annual Banquet.