

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation for the Horse is dedicated to preserving and improving the health and well-being of equines by honoring exceptional veterinary students dedicated to equine practice. The Foundation, along with multiple donors and partners in the industry, is poised to award nearly \$550,000 in scholarships to individuals committed to equine practice.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, leadership and a commitment to equine veterinary medicine and who are student members of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). Applicants must also have the support of AAEP members and their clinical instructors.



Available Scholarships

\$75,000 scholarships

- Coyote Rock Ranch (4)
Fourth-Year Students ONLY



\$50,000 scholarships

- Ellen DiBella Memorial (1)

\$10,000 scholarships

- Anne & Richard Stirlen Foundation (3)
- Merck Animal Health (3)
- Zoetis Foundation (10)



\$5,000 scholarships

- Hagyard Equine Medical Institute (1)
- Dr. Tom Riddle Theriogenology (1)
- Dr. Bill Rood Leadership (1)
- Dr. William H. Sweeney Memorial (1)
- Dr. Ty Wallis Memorial (1)



Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Currently enrolled and in good standing at an AVMA-accredited school of veterinary medicine in the United States and Canada
- ✓ A Third-Year or Fourth-Year student during the award year, on track to graduate with your DVM (or equivalent)
- ✓ National AAEP Student Member (paid through August 31 of **the award year**) and active within their school's AAEP chapter



Selection Criteria

Scholarship finalists and recipients are selected on the basis of:

- Academic performance
- Demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities
- Equine Veterinary experience
- A statement of educational and career goals and objectives
- Veterinary Practitioner recommendations
- Essays – See below

Financial need is not considered



Timeline

- Online Applications open April 1 of the respective year
- Applications and all required materials must be submitted via the online application portal by May 15
- All students with fully completed and submitted applications will be notified by September 1
Notifications are sent via email. Note: school email servers tend to mark these communications as spam
- If selected, signed commitment forms are required before awards are processed



How to Apply

The Foundation uses a single online application to collect and review all scholarships based on your graduation year.

Eligible students will need to submit the following:

- ✓ **Applicant Information**
- ✓ **Current Transcript** (official transcript not required, but must include all courses to date)
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum vitae**
- ✓ **List of Externships**
- ✓ **Essays** – Please reference the 2026 Scholarship Essay Prompts, found in the **Instructions to Students**
- ✓ **References**
 - **Clinical Academic Instructor** – a faculty member that can evaluate your clinical skills and academic performance.
 - **Private Practitioner** – an AAEP member, working outside of the university setting

Note: The Coyote Rock Ranch scholarship also requires a personal reference
Please provide the **Instructions for References** when requesting their support.

Review the **Instructions for Students** for helpful tips on how to apply. For application questions, please email scholarships@aaep.org or call (859) 233-0147.