ABRA Youth Scholarship Application

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Thank you for your interest in the American Buckskin Registry Association Youth Scholarship Program. The one time $500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a selected applicant working towards a degree at an accredited College or University and meets all the requirements contained in the application.

Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced in July of each year at the ABRA World Championship Show.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must be in their senior year of high school. High School Seniors must have applied or been accepted into an accredited College or University.
2. GPA must be at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 3.8 on a 6.0 scale.
3. The applicant must have at least two (2) years continuous membership in ABRA, and be a current ABRA member in good standing. A copy of the applicant's current ABRA membership card must accompany the application.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

An applicant will be judged their total qualifications; including character, attitude and academic standing.

Applicants are required to submit a completed ABRA application form. This application must be submitted no later than April 1 of the year for which the applicant is seeking the scholarship.

In addition to the application, the following is also required:

1. Two Letters of Recommendation; must be from at least one:
   b. Teacher who has taught the applicant during at least one full semester. The letter should cover character, attitude, academic standing, extra curricular activities and any other significant reasons why the applicant should be considered.
   c. One (1) Letter of Recommendation from an adult acquaintance (not from the applicants family members).
2. An essay (minimum 500 words) from the applicant outlining his/her reasons for applying for the scholarship
3. A current school transcript
4. A recent photo (3" x 5" color head and shoulder shot)

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

The Selection Committee will include members of the ABRA Board of Directors with no relationship to any of the applicants. The Committee will be directed, but not necessarily bound by the following guidelines:

- ABRA Involvement
- Academic Record
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Character
- Personal Letter

The Committee may recommend rejection of all candidates if those applying do not meet the qualifications outlined in this Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

The scholarship will be $500.00, but will not exceed tuition and fees at the accredited College or University of the recipient's choice.

Scholarship money provided by ABRA will be paid directly to the recipient upon presentation of acceptance by the accredited College or University, or a transcript indicating the recipient's acceptable progress.

ABRA can at any time change the number of scholarship recipients and the amount awarded. ABRA reserves the right to re-evaluate funding at any time.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Acceptance and receipt of the ABRA scholarship does not relieve the recipient of personal responsibility of applying for admission, nor guarantees their admission, to any College or University. After the recipient is enrolled in an accredited College or University, the academic program and personal behavior affairs are subject only to the policies of the College. ABRA does not require particular courses in the recipient's academic programs, involvement in extracurricular activities, or personal behavior inconsistent with College policies. Recipients are allowed to attend the accredited College or University of their choice within the United States and free to select a major field of study. Candidates will not be judged on race, religion, national origin, political, social or economic beliefs.

Part 1: Applicant Information

Applicant Name

Age

Birthdate

ABRA #

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail

Name of High School

School Street Address

City, State, Zip

List school organizations or clubs you participate in and your role in these clubs.

List your hobbies & interests.

Part 2: Scholastic Aptitude

Current school transcript to be enclosed with application

High School GPA

4.0 or 6.0 Scale?

Class Ranking # (if known)

Total # in your class (if known)

List scholastic achievements/awards/activities

Part 3: Extracurricular Equine Activities

List the name and type of equine related clubs/organizations you are a member. These may include 4-H, Pony Club, FFA or similar organizations.

Club Name | Club Type | Years Involved

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List scholastic achievements/awards/activities

Part 4: Involvement with the Buckskin Association

Do you own or lease an ABRA registered horse?

Family members own or lease an ABRA registered horse?

List the ABRA Charter Club you are a member of

Years as a member

List additional ABRA Charter Clubs you are a member of

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Years as a member

List your Charter Club activities

How long have your been riding?

Showing?

Other?

Outline your activities/experiences in riding or showing a Buckskin horse

List outstanding horsemanship award you have received from ABRA and/or Charter Clubs

Part 5: Essay Submittal

Write in essay form (minimum of 500 words) your thoughts on the following questions:

1. Why you desire to continue your education?
2. The personal qualities you posses that qualify you to receive this scholarship?
3. How receiving this scholarship will enhance your educational experience.

Part 6: Letters of Recommendation

Two(2) letters of recommendation are required.

1. One (1) teacher who has taught the applicant during at least one full semester. The letter should cover character, attitude, academic standing, extra curricular activities and any other significant reasons why the applicant should be considered.
2. One (1) letter of recommendation from an adult acquaintance (not from the applicants family members).

Part 7: Signature & Acknowledgement

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 monies awarded, and/or may disqualify me from present and future consideration for scholarship funding from the American Buckskin Registry Association.

Applicant's printed name

Applicant's signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian printed name

Parent/Legal Guardian signature

Date

PRESS RELEASE - All applications must be accompanied by a recent photograph of the applicant. The photograph should be approximately 3" x 5" and include only the head and shoulders of the applicant. Picture of scholarship recipient may be sent to local papers and other publications. Pictures may also be used for advertising. Pictures will not be returned.

Name of local newspaper

Address

City, State, Zip

Send to:
ABRA - Youth Scholarship
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Bixby, OK 74008