



Charlene Baker Western Rider Bursary

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The Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) is pleased to present the Charlene Baker Western Rider Bursary. Charlene Baker was a Western Level 2 Course Conductor and Western Level 2 Certified Coach for the province of Alberta. Charlene was heavily involved in 4H as well as provided many clinics and teachings for Lakeland College in Vermillion, AB all based on the EC guidelines. Charlene was a very competitive rider, in addition to her successful coaching career, and was instrumental in organizing many competitions in the NE region of Alberta. Charlene believe that it was important that people see coaches out there progressing and using the EC program. Charlene passed away early May 1997 after a long battle Cancer. In recognition of Charlene's work and dedication to the Equine Canada Western Rider and Equine Canada Western Coaching programs in Alberta, the AEF provides a \$500.00 bursary awarded annually to the rider who has achieved the highest score within the Western Learn to Ride Level 4 Test alongside a fully completed application.

FINANCIAL AWARDS

The annual bursary amount of \$500 is available.

SELECTION PROCESS

Western Learn to Ride Level 4 test must be completed.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Individuals may apply if they:

1. Are a current AEF member in good standing and have renewed for the following year. Example AEF membership is required in 2017 to write the exam, then AEF membership must be renewed for 2018 to be eligible to apply.
2. Are a Canadian citizen or hold landed immigrant status.
3. Are a resident of Alberta.
4. Applicants may only apply for the calendar year the test was completed.

The application package must be complete and received at the AEF office by **Thursday, March 29, 2018**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants will be notified by **April 30, 2018**. Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of information contained in their application forms that meets the criteria outlined.

AEF does not return application materials. Personal information is considered private and confidential. Successful applicants may be asked to provide information, articles or photographs at no charge to the AEF for use in electronic or hard copy marketing materials.

AEF reserves the right to withdraw or modify all or part of this program and application process.

ESSAY

We require a minimum 400-word typed essay as part of your application package (12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced) with your name on the top left. Below are items that should be included:

1. What accomplishments have led you to apply for this bursary, and if you were to receive this bursary, how would you use it?
2. How have you been involved with horses or other equines, including volunteer or community activities related to your interest in horses?
3. What are your future equine-related plans, and how will those plans benefit equestrians and equines in Alberta?
4. How do you think equestrian education/rider and athlete development could be advanced in Alberta?
5. How has being a member of the AEF benefited you?
6. How has the Western Learn to Ride Program helped benefit you as a rider? How has training with a certified instructor/coach helped benefit you as a rider?
7. Do you plan to achieve Instructor/Coach certification going forward?

SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND IMAGE FOR ALBERTA BITS

As part of the application, each applicant is required to write a short biography of 130-150 words. Tell us a little bit about yourself and how you plan to use the fund, if granted. Submit a high – resolution image (300 dpi minimum) that represents you with a horse or taking part in an equine event.

Successful award recipients will be announced and published in an upcoming issue of Alberta Bits magazine that will include the submitted biography and photo. Images/text may be cropped/edited by the editor of Alberta Bits.

Please forward biography and high-resolution image (minimum 300 dpi) to coaching@albertaequestrian.com. These must be sent on or before the deadline on the application.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Two (2) written letters of reference.

References must include name, address and email address or phone number of the person providing the reference. Please inform your two references that the AEF may contact them.

RIDER CERTIFICATE COPY

Please include a copy of your Rider 4 certificate.

PACKAGE CHECK LIST

Email/Mail one complete copy of the following items:

- Cover Letter
- Application form
- Essay
- Biography and Photo
- Two reference letters

The completed application package may be sent by mail/email with a cover letter to the AEF Coaching Coordinator. Please ensure that electronic applications are sent as **one singular PDF file**.

If you have any questions, please contact the AEF Coaching Coordinator.

Please mail in confidence to:

Alberta Equestrian Federation
Attention: Coaching Coordinator
Suite 100, 251 Midpark Blvd SE
Calgary, AB T2X 1S3

Please email in confidence to:

AEF Coaching Coordinator
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Charlene Baker Western Rider Bursary Application Form

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Please print clearly. Provide one completed copy of all materials as identified on the "package check list".

Your Full Legal Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____ PC: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Proof of Citizenship Included: _____

AEF Membership Number: _____

Name of Instructor/Coach who tested you for Rider 4: _____

Name of your regular instructor/coach: _____

Name of facility testing was conducted at: _____

I hereby acknowledge that all the information supplied is correct (applicant):

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name and signature of Parent or Guardian required if applicant is under 18 years of age:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____