

The Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) is a member-driven, nonprofit provincial organization responsible for organizing, coordinating, sanctioning and administering equine sport and recreation in Alberta since 1978. The AEF serves the entire equine community of all ages, interests and involvement. Membership is in excess of 18,000 individuals and over 200 club and business industry members.

Scholarships are maintained through the generous support of donors and through the sale of AEF lapel pins. The AEF thanks all those who have provided the financial means to create the Scholarship fund.

The AEF is proud to offer **two** Scholarship options to members who are pursuing equine related studies at accredited post-secondary educational institution. This application is to be used when applying for either scholarship.

#1 Educational Scholarship

AEF Members who are enrolled in an equine related program or who have applied for admittance at an accredited Canadian post-secondary educational institution are eligible to apply for the Educational Scholarship. Annual Scholarships of \$750.00 are available.

#2 Bill desBarres Industry Scholarship

AEF Members who are entering into their first or second year of studies in Animal Health Technology (AHT) at an accredited Canadian post-secondary educational institution are eligible to apply for the Bill desBarres Industry Scholarship. Annual Scholarships of \$500 are available.

Deadline

Application packages must be received electronically at the AEF office by **midnight, May 31, 2018**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note, if currently applying to a program, scholarship approval will be subject to receiving Proof of Acceptance. All applicants will be notified by **August 1, 2018**.

Application Criteria

Eligible individuals must:

1. Have been an AEF member in good standing for the past year from January 1, 2017 to and including January 1, 2018;
2. For the **AEF Educational Scholarship**:
Be enrolled in or have applied to an equine-related program at an accredited post-secondary college, polytechnic or university;
OR
For the **Bill desBarres Industry Scholarship**:
Be enrolled in first or second year of studies in Animal Health Technology (AHT) at an accredited post-secondary college, polytechnic or university;
3. Be over 16 years of age; and
4. Have not been previously awarded an AEF Scholarship. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply. *Successful applicants will be selected on the basis of information and requirements contained in their application, essay, letters of reference, and Curriculum Vitae (CV).*

Additional Requirements

Proof of Post-Secondary Education

Proof of admittance as stated above, at an accredited Canadian post-secondary educational institution in an equine-related program is required. If already enrolled in the program, proof of post-secondary enrollment and continuation. If you are awaiting acceptance, please provide proof of acceptance as soon as it has been received by you together with verification of enrollment.

Letters of Reference

Two (2) signed letters of reference are required to support this application.

References must include name, address and email address or phone number of the person providing the reference. Letters of reference must be signed and be included with your application package. DO NOT have your references mail or email their letters to the AEF.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Current CV.

Photo (JPEG)

Current jpeg photo suitable for print in electronic and hard copy publications (photos must be a minimum of 2MB).

Proof of Citizenship

Photocopy of a document proving Canadian Citizenship or landed immigrant status. For example: Birth Certificate or Passport.

Essay

We require a 400 word typed essay. Please include some or all of the following:

1. What accomplishments have led you to apply for this scholarship?
2. If you were chosen as a scholarship recipient how would you use it?
3. How have you been involved with horses or other equines, including volunteer or community activities related to your interest in horses?
4. What are your future equine-related plans, and how will those plans benefit equestrians and equines in Alberta?
5. How do you think equestrian activities or the welfare of horses could be advanced in Alberta?
6. How has being a member of the AEF benefited you?
7. Tell us where you want to be with your career in the next five years.

Submission

All applications must be submitted electronically (do not fax) to the email indicated below. Please send ONE email that contains all required documentation in one PDF. (See checklist for submission requirements). Please be sure to review the application checklist to ensure all documents and items have been included with your application. Application materials will not be returned.

Distribution of Scholarships is determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The selection committee is a volunteer committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) AEF members.

Apply before the deadline of May 31, 2018 by email to:

Subject Line: your last name, AEF Scholarship (e.g. JamesAEFScholarship)

Attention: Sonia Dantu, Executive Director

execdir@albertaequestrian.com



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Scholarship Application

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I am Applying For:

Educational Scholarship
Bill desBarres Industry Scholarship

Personal Information:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov./Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
AEF Membership Number: _____

Post-Secondary Educational Institution:

Name of Institution: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov./Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____
Area of Study: _____ Course Length: _____
Degree/Certificate/Diploma to be Obtained: _____
Student ID if Available: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Volunteer:

If you are successful in your application for the scholarship fund, we request that you please consider serving on the scholarship committee for one year.

Would you be willing to take part? Yes No

Serving on an AEF committee is not a criterion, but your involvement would assist the AEF.

Certification of Photo Release:

I, _____ certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant the AEF permission to publish my essay and photo in AEF media releases, including but not limited to Alberta Bits and AEF website, should I be awarded an AEF Scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Print Name: _____



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Scholarship Application Checklist

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The following checklist must be submitted with the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

I have:

Read and understood the scholarship application guidelines, process and criteria;

Submitted Scholarship Application documentation on or before **May 31, 2018** in ONE email, in one PDF in the following order:

Scholarship application and checklist, completed and signed;

Proof of admittance (or if awaiting acceptance, I will submit proof of acceptance and verification of enrollment as soon as it is available);

Two (2) signed letters of reference;

Curriculum Vitae (CV);

400 word essay;

Proof of Citizenship;

Include a current jpeg photo preferably with an equine (minimum 2 MB);

Include your 400 word essay in Microsoft Word in addition to the PDF.

If you are a successful recipient of a scholarship and would like to receive a T4A, please provide your Social Insurance Number _____

The AEF does not return application materials and reserves the right to print essays and photos in publications. Personal information is considered private and confidential.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

AEF Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____