



NSBA Foundation Youth Scholarship Overview

The NSBA Foundation provides financial assistance to members of the National Snaffle Bit Association in the form of scholarships. It is the goal of the NSBA Foundation to provide scholarship funds to deserving applicants who have a strong desire to continue their education as well as continue to develop leadership skills.

Scholarship selection criteria include academic merit, financial need, active involvement in the horse industry, community involvement, extracurricular activities, communication skills and demonstrated leadership ability. The scholarship amount shall be determined by the availability of funding and the number of applicants selected to receive a scholarship.

Eligibility for the scholarships includes the following:

- 1) NSBA member in good standing for at least one year and not over 19 years upon application
- 2) Completed 11th grade
- 3) Application for the scholarship must be made no later than the first anniversary of high school graduation
- 4) Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

The applicant must personally prepare the scholarship application. The application is done online and the applicant must provide:

An essay, not to exceed 1000 words explaining:

- a. Why this scholarship is important to the applicant
 - b. How the applicant intends to use the scholarship funds
 - c. The applicant's ultimate career goals
 - d. The applicant's financial need
- An official high school transcript (grades 10-11, grade 12 through the semester prior to the deadline date, mandatory)
 - Federal income tax returns
 - One letter of reference from a teacher
 - One letter of reference from a person familiar with the applicant's equine involvement
 - One personal letter of reference from a person over the age of 21 years.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution and will not be issued to the student or his/her family. If awarded a NSBA Foundation Scholarship, it is the exclusive responsibility of the recipient to notify the NSBA Foundation office with the contact information for their school's financial department. If the scholarship awarded is a multi-year scholarship, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to receive funds each subsequent year. Scholarship funds are to be used primarily for tuition, books, and laboratory fees.

The scholarship application and the supporting material become the property of the NSBA Foundation and will not be returned.

Application Procedure

The NSBA Foundation provides financial assistance to members of the National Snaffle Bit Association through general scholarships. Interested members must meet all eligibility requirements and apply for scholarship funding by completing the scholarship application.



Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2020. All applications must be completed online on or before end of business February 1, 2020. All application materials must be submitted at one time. Only online applications are accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application Eligibility

Scholarship eligibility will be based on the criteria and requirements as identified by the NSBA Foundation. An applicant shall be ineligible for consideration if one or more support materials are not submitted in the manner identified and by the scholarship deadline. Questions or concerns related to the submission of the application and/or support materials should be directed to the NSBA office.

It is the exclusive responsibility of the scholarship applicant to contact the NSBA to determine if all scholarship application material have been received in a timely manner.

Applicants must be a current member for one year at time of application in good standing of the National Snaffle Bit Association and not over the age of 19, in order to apply for the NSBA Foundation Scholarship. ***Failure to provide proof of membership and age will result in application disqualification.***

Applicants must provide personal financial information including anticipated college expenses. Financial questions are included within the scholarship application document. Additionally, applicants must provide the first page of each parent's and/or personal federal income tax return for the three most recent income tax filing years prior to the application deadline. ***Failure to provide financial information will result in application disqualification.***

Applicants must provide an official school transcript. The transcript should contain a cumulative scholastic average **ending with the academic semester immediately preceding the application deadline.** This average must be expressed as a numerical percentage (i.e. 95%/100%) or as a ratio including the scale on which is school official explaining the school grading system should accompany the scholarship application. Transcript should also contain the applicant's reported ACT and/or SAT scores, if available at the time the application is submitted. It is the student's responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required transcript by the scholarship deadline indicated. ***Failure to provide academic information will result in application disqualification.***

Scholarship applicants enrolled in advanced placement and/or dual credit in for college preparatory courses should provide an official transcript from each school the applicant is attending. If the applicant's high school transcript contains the scoring information from dual credit and/or college courses, then a transcript from the college attended will not be required. All documents and conditions also apply to home-schooled applicants.

Applicants must provide three completed scholarship recommendations letters. There is no specified format for the recommendation/reference letters. All references must be at least 21 years of age. References may not be completed by the applicant's legal guardian, relative, NSBA or NSBA Foundation staff or member of the Scholarship Selection Committee and/or spouses. ***Failure to provide appraisal forms will result in application disqualification.***

Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview via internet conferencing. If this is necessary, the applicants will be contacted to schedule a date and time.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application, please feel free to contact the National Snaffle Bit Association at nsbaoffice@nsba.com.