



Youth Scholarship Application

For students 14-18 years old

Dear Applicants,

We are happy to have you apply for the USCHA scholarship. Please keep in mind the guidelines below. They may help you in completing the application.

1. Please include all information about yourself. The judges want to know about all areas of your life, not just cutting. Furnish the judges with as much information as possible to enable them to make a fair decision.
2. You may use up to two sheets of paper to provide the information requested in Part C.
3. Please include a stamped, self-addressed postcard with your application. We will use it to notify you of receipt of your application. If you do not include the postcard, you will not receive notice. On the postcard, write USCHA scholarship application received.
4. You must include current report card.
5. **The application must be RECEIVED by October 1, 2024**
6. If you receive one of the scholarships, it will be sent to the college or trade school of your choice in two (2) payments. No scholarship money will be sent to the individual. You will have four years to request your scholarship payments before they expire.
7. Applications may be hand delivered to a show secretary by September 25, 2024.
8. Contact the USCHA office with any questions you may have.

Good Luck to each of you!

Applications need to be mailed to:

USCHA
PO Box 695
Sulphur Springs, TX 75483

UNITED STATES CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

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| I. Scholastic Ability (Judged from Parts C, D, and F) | 40% |
| 1. Difficulty and quality of subjects taken | |
| 2. Number of honor or advanced courses taken | |
| 3. Class ranking | |
| 4. Honors and awards received | |
| 5. Content of the typed narrative | |
| II. Leadership and Character (Judged from Parts C, E and F) | 30% |
| 1. Club memberships and extracurricular activities | |
| 2. Leadership positions held | |
| 3. Honors and awards received | |
| 4. Work experience | |
| III. Horse Related Participation (Judged from Parts C, E and F) | 30% |
| 1. United States Cutting Horse Association | |
| 2. Other horse related associations | |

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Currently enrolled and actively participating in USCHA.
2. Currently enrolled in public school, private school or an accredited home school program.

3. **A minimum 2.5 GPA.**
4. At least one of the following: ranked in the top ½ of class, SAT, ACT or TSI test scores.
5. Have completed scholarship application turned in by deadline.

DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2024

UNITED STATES CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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PART A

In order to be considered for a scholarship, this application must include the following:

1. Official high school transcript including 2 of the following: class rank, SAT, ACT or TSI scores.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation.
3. Photograph must be attached.
4. Application **MUST BE** stapled together. You may attach up to two sheets of paper for the information requested in Part C and one page for the typed narrative requested in Part F. Once awards are calculated, all applications will be destroyed. Please do not send the blank application pages if you are attaching others.

Be sure to make a thorough check of the completed application!

PART B

Name	USCHA #
Address	USCHA Region
City	
State, Zip	
Name of School	School's Telephone
Father's Name	# Occupation
Mother's Name	Occupation

List siblings:

PART C –

You may use the space provided or you may use up to two additional sheets of paper for this section. Please list your responses for each category in outline form.

Extracurricular Activities – Club memberships, school sports, community projects (include number of years of involvement.)

Leadership Positions Held – Be sure to include name of leadership position and organization.

A. Cutting

B. Non-Cutting

Honors and Awards Received – Name of honor and/or award and organization.

Work Experience – Include volunteer and summer employment.

Participation and Awards received riding Cutting horses – Make sure you state where the award was won (town or city.) Be accurate and specific. (Participation examples include serving as event directors, assisting with events, promoting cutting horses through special events.)

Participation and Awards received in other equestrian associations – Make sure you state which association and where the award was won (town or city.) Be accurate and specific.

PART D

Include a current official copy of your high school transcript. Your G.P.A., class size, rank, must be included with the transcript.

PART E

Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-relatives must be included. One letter should be from an educator, community leader, minister/priest/pastor, etc. The second letter should be from a person who is familiar with your cutting horse experience.

PART F

On a separate piece of paper (must be typed), please describe in your own words why receiving a USCHA Scholarship is important to you, the course of study or major field of interest you plan to follow, your proposed occupation or profession, and the benefits you have received from United States Cutting Horse Association. Be specific and restrict the length to between 250 and 500 words.

Application deadline is October 1, 2024.

Submit completed application to USCHA, PO Box 695, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483.

A few tips and ideas to consider when filling out your scholarship application.

- Treat your application like a résumé – information should leap off the page.
 - o List items in level of importance. If you are a national qualifier, it should go before any regional titles.
 - o Spell out association names at least once before using abbreviations.
 - o This application is presented in a format that encourages you to type your information on additional sheets of paper.
 - o These bullets are an example of how to list your responses in outline form.
 - o Run spell check AND grammar check!
- Think outside the box. This is an academic scholarship from an equestrian association. Make sure you include scholastic honors in addition to your equestrian related honors.
- That goes for extra-curricular activities, too. Don't focus on just your equestrian activities.
- A suggestion for the narrative - 1 page, double-spaced, size 12, Arial or Times New Roman font. (This page is size 12 Arial font, double-spaced with ½ inch margins.)
- N/A is not an acceptable response.
- It is okay to ask questions. That is why we want you to contact the office with questions. We want you to do well.
- Don't wait until the last minute to start on this. Vital information will be forgotten if you are in a rush to meet the October 1st deadline.
- Follow instructions and PROOF READ. You are asking for free money for college. Show the selection committee why you are a deserving candidate.

Good luck!