



American Mule Association Youth Educational Scholarship Information

The American Mule Association (AMA) offers a total of two educational scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each per year. Eligible recipients are a graduating high school senior or individual eighteen years or younger who is pursuing any field of study and will be attending a four year, two year, or vocational school. The applicant must either be a junior member of the AMA or a part of a family membership. The eligible AMA member must have been in good standing for at least two years prior to the date of the application.

Submission Instructions: The Youth Scholarship Application Packet to be submitted for scholarship award consideration consists of: The Youth Scholarship Application, Personal History, one essay, two letters of recommendation, and a copy of grade transcripts for the past two years. The Application Packet will be accepted between March 1st and May 1st (postmark dates) of the current year. The application packet is to be mailed to: Secretary, American Mule Association, 260 Neilson Rd, Reno NV 89521. To be considered for a Scholarship award, applicants must complete the Application as instructed, attach all required materials, and submit within the listed postmark dates.

Scholarship Award Selection Criteria: Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their community service, quality of character, academic performance, and potential to achieve stated goals, involvement in the AMA, involvement in mules or donkeys, participation in other equine events using a mule or donkey. Equine involvement or events using other than a mule or donkey will not be considered.

Award Distribution: Scholarship applicants will be notified no later than June 15th of the current year, if they have or have not been selected for an AMA scholarship. If selected; the recipient must show proof of enrollment and acceptance as no less than a half time student, in the four year, two year or accredited vocational school to receive the scholarship money. Scholarship funds will be sent to the school to be distributed by that institution's Scholarship program when possible. Scholarship money awarded must be used within twelve months of the award, or the award monies are forfeited.



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In an Attachment you will title Personal History please provide the following:

Identify and describe your history while attending Grades 9 through 12 for each topic listed below. Include the grade levels you were in while participating in each topic.

AMA or Other Equine Activity using a Mule or Donkey

List the Activity, and Describe Involvement

Leadership

Elected Positions (e.g. student council, class officer, clubs etc) List:
The Organizations, Positions Held, Describe your Responsibilities

Honors

Academic, Leadership, Contests or other honors
List The Title of the Award, and The Award Description

Activities

Community service, Special Interest Groups, Fine Arts, Athletics, etc.
List the Activity, Describe Responsibilities/Involvement

Other Relevant Information Not Otherwise Stated

List as you feel necessary

Must be signed by the Applicant

[] By checking this box and signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released to the news media and/or published in the AMA newsletter.

[] Further, by checking this box and signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

Personal History Information: AMA or Other Equine Activity using a Mule or Donkey, Leadership, Honors, Activities, Other Relevant Information Not Otherwise Stated

Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation from: Teachers, 4-H Leaders, FFA Leaders, or other individual in similar supervisory/lead role. The letters of recommendation should address, but are not limited to; your potential to achieve stated goals and your quality of character.

Grade Transcripts: A copy of your grade transcripts for the past two years.

Essay: Applicant shall submit a five hundred word essay. Tell us your future education and personal plans and goals. How you will be continuing or expanding your involvement with the AMA, and with a mule or donkey. How working with a mule or donkey may have influenced your life or who you are.

Mail the completed application packet (Application, Letters of Recommendation, Grade Transcripts, Personal History Attachment, and Essay) **postmarked between March 1st and May 1st to:**

**Secretary, American Mule Association
260 Neilson Rd
Reno NV 89521**



AMA Scholarship Questions and Answers

The following are compiled questions and answers for the AMA Scholarship program. Each numbered item contains a question, with the answer below each question in italics.

1. What is the purpose of the scholarship (Why is the scholarship being given to an individual?)
AMA awards scholarships to assist the educational need of AMA youth members.
2. Are there any requirements or conditions imposed on recipients to obtain, maintain, or qualify for the scholarship?
Yes, these are spelled out in the AMA Scholarship package. There are age, membership, AMA participation, mule/donkey participation, and other various requirements.
3. What specific criteria are used to determine who is eligible for the scholarship?
Graduating high school senior or person 18 years old or younger who is pursuing any field of study and will be attending a 4 year, 2 year or accredited vocational school.
4. What is the amount of the awards?
\$1000.00
5. How many scholarships per year are there?
Two
6. How will the program be publicized?
In the AMA newsletter and AMA website, and flyers.
7. How will a student apply?
Application Package will be accepted if postmarked between March 1st and May 1st of each year. Application must be submitted with required documentation, transcripts, recommendation letters, essay, etc.



Q&A cont.

8. What specific criteria will be used to select recipients?
Selection is based on AMA involvement, involvement with mules/donkeys, quality of character, academic performance, potential to achieve goals, and community service.
9. What are the procedures for distribution of award?
Applicant must show proof of enrollment and funds are distributed to the school to be distributed to the student (when possible). Award to be used within 12 months or returned to the AMA.
10. What are the procedures if terms of the awards of the award are violated (e.g. enroll, but do not attend or drop out)?
School or Recipient shall return award to the AMA. If recipient fails to meet the "honor system" in place, they shall be removed as a current member of the AMA, and will be barred from AMA membership for 5 years.
11. Who is on the selection committee for the awards, what are the criteria for committee membership, and what is the method of replacing committee members?
Selection committee consists of at least 3 persons. A minimum of one person must be an active AMA board member. Members may be selected by the AMA President, or a member may volunteer and be accepted by the AMA President for membership on the committee.
12. Are relatives of members on the selection committee or board or substantial contributors eligible to receive an award? If yes, what measures are taken to ensure unbiased selections?
Yes, relatives of members or the board or substantial contributors are eligible to receive an award. A selection committee member will temporarily be removed from the committee in the case of a relative applying for an award.