



ADA Scholarship Program

Mission: To encourage the continuation of dressage education for all ages and promote volunteer service to the ADA by its members.

Annually the ADA will award up to four (4) *Equine Education scholarships*, for \$300.00 each, and up to two (2) *Show Service Awards*, for \$150 each, to members who complete the requirements of either program. Scholarship candidates will be limited to the first four (4) *Equine Education scholarships* applications and the first two (2) *Show Service Rewards* received on or before May 1.

Equine Education Scholarship Requirements

- Declare candidacy by submitting the *ADA Scholarship Candidate Intent* form to the Scholarship Chairperson on or before May 1.
- Scholarship requirements must be met within the set timeline and submitted with appropriate requirement completion form.
- Attend at least two (2) ADA monthly board meetings. Consult the website for dates.
- Obtain two (2) new advertisers for the ADA.
- Volunteer for 10 or more hours at ADA sponsored events (i.e. Expos, Shows, Clinics, etc.). Three (3) of these hours must be related to the ADA Annual Show (e.g., planning, organizing, promotion or working at the show).
- Recruit two (2) new members to the ADA. New members must state your name on their membership forms.
- Scholarship monies are to be used for any reasonable equine educational activity that is approved by the board of directors. Scholarship monies are not to be used for the training of horses or riders regular lesson routine.
- Scholarship = \$300.

Show Service Award Requirements

- Declare candidacy by submitting the *ADA Scholarship Candidate Intent* form to the Scholarship Chairperson on or before May 1.
- Scholarship requirements must be met within the set timeline.
- Volunteer for 25 or more hours at ADA events. Three (3) of these hours must be related to the ADA Annual Show (e.g., planning, organizing, promotion or working at the show).
- Write an article for use in an ADA communication. Article theme to be pre-approved by the board.
- Show Service Award monies will be given in the form of a voucher to be submitted as payment for ADA Show Fees and/or clinics in the coming year.
- Service Reward = \$150.

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Rules and Guidelines

- Each Candidate is responsible for the completion of the *ADA Scholarship Candidate Intent form* as well as the *ADA Equine Scholarship* or *Show Service Award applications*.
- Each Candidate is responsible for:
 - Securing signatures from the show secretary or event coordinator confirming their volunteer participation and for how long.
 - Confirming recruited members indicate the applicant's name on the new member's ADA membership form before submitting to the Membership Chair.
 - Gathering documentation for advertisers and making sure all related materials are properly submitted to the Advertising Chair.
- **All requirements must be met, forms and documentation submitted to the Scholarship Chair no later than October 30.**
- The ADA Board shall resolve any disputes about qualifications. The decision of the Board is final.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet held in November.
- Scholarship recipients must submit invoices or receipts to the ADA Board, through the Scholarship Chair for their equine educational activities. After receiving Board approval, these expenses will be reimbursed up to the \$300 amount awarded. When possible, checks will be written directly to the educational program manager (instructor, organizer, etc.)
- Show Service Award vouchers are to be submitted by recipient along with ADA show entries.
- Scholarships and Show Service Awards expire one year after the annual Award Banquet at which they were received. Any unused money will revert back to the ADA treasury.
- Applicants may receive only one ADA Scholarship per year and may not receive scholarships in two consecutive years.
- Current ADA board members are not eligible for the scholarship or show service award programs.

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