



Scholarship & Grant Programs Information Guide

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) **Service Scholarships**, 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.

Declare candidacy by submitting the ADA Scholarship Candidate Intent Form (**Form A**) to the Scholarship Chairperson (contact information below) on or before May 1.

Scholarship requirements must be met within the set timeline and submitted with appropriate requirement completion forms (Equine Education Scholarships need **Form 1B**, Service Scholarships need **Form 2B**)

EQUINE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend at least two (2) ADA monthly board meetings. Consult the website for dates.
- Obtain at least two (2) new Silver Level or above sponsors/advertisers (or a total of \$150.00 or more) for the ADA.
- Volunteer for 10 or more hours for an ADA sponsored event, such as an expos, show, or clinic. Acceptable activities for volunteer hours include planning, organizing, promotion or working at the event.
- Recruit a minimum of two (2) new members to the ADA. New members must state your name on their membership forms.

Equine Education Scholarship award is \$300. 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.

SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteer for 25 or more hours at ADA sanctioned or sponsored events, such as an expo, show, or clinic.
- Write an article for use in an ADA communication. Article theme must be pre-approved by the board.

Service Scholarship is \$150. Monies will be given in the form of a voucher that may be used as payment for ADA Show Fees and/or clinics within the next calendar year.

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ADDITIONAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Each Candidate is responsible for:

- Submitting the ADA Scholarship Candidate Intent Form (Form A) as well as the Equine Education Scholarship and Service Scholarship application (Form B) by their respective due dates.
- Securing signatures from the show secretary or event coordinators that confirm their event volunteer hours.
- 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 sponsors/advertisers and making sure all related materials are properly submitted to the Advertising Chair, with payment.

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.

Equine Educational 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.)

Service Scholarship vouchers are to be submitted by recipient along with ADA show entries.

Scholarships 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.