

SCHOLARSHIP RULES FOR 2011

The Scholarship Program is being reinstated for 2011. In order to qualify for a 2011 scholarship, applicants must have personally completed a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service for the Chapter at the chapter's licensed show to be held on April 30-May 1, 2011. **These volunteer hours are separate from and in addition to the 4 hours of Volunteer service that are required to qualify for end of year Chapter Awards .** Volunteer hours must be reported using the volunteer hours report form. This form is available on the Chapter web site or from Chapter officers. This volunteer hours report should be sent to the awards program coordinator, who is currently Amy Gadsden, and must be received by the June 15, 2011 for the scholarships to be awarded at the Chapter meeting in July 2011.

The winners of the scholarships will be required to write an article for the Chapter newsletter detailing the use to which the scholarship was put and the experiences of the rider in the use of the scholarship. The article must be submitted to the newsletter editor within 60 days of the completion of the use of the scholarship. If a rider does not submit the required article, they will be barred from future scholarships awards.

The winners of the scholarship must use the scholarship within 1 calendar year of the date of the drawing for the scholarship or the scholarship shall be forfeited, unless an extension is granted by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Board.

Four scholarships of \$300 each will be offered for 2011. Two scholarships shall be awarded to Adult Chapter members who have been riding or have not shown above Third Level. One scholarship shall be awarded to Adult Chapter members who have been riding or have shown at Fourth Level and above. This split in the awards for adult Chapter members is established to follow the riding level pattern of the membership of the Chapter, in order to make the available scholarships available to roughly equal numbers of members in each group. This split may be adjusted as the membership profile changes by a majority vote of the Board. The final scholarship will be awarded to a Junior/Young Rider members of the Chapter, who are defined as 21 or under as of the first day of the membership year. Thus, any member that is 21 or under on December 1, 2010 is considered a junior/Young Rider for the entire year for scholarship purposes.

All current Chapter members are eligible for the annual drawing for the scholarships, whether they ride or not. If a non-rider who has met the volunteer requirements wins a scholarship, they may give the award to another current Chapter member. The winner of the scholarship will remain liable for writing the newsletter article, but it can be written by the actual user of the scholarship on behalf of the non-rider winner.

The scholarship may be used by the winner to pay all or part of the cost of a clinic(s), lesson(s), attending the USDF convention, or whatever other equestrian activity they elect to pursue to further their dressage education. The winner does not have to use the scholarship at the level for which they were awarded the scholarship. Thus, a rider that is at Third Level or below desires to take a clinic to help them to move up to Fourth Level or above, they may do so. Similarly, a

rider at Fourth Level or above may use the scholarship to attend a clinic or lesson at a lower level, for example if they have a young horse they are trying to bring along.

To order to obtain a scholarship, current Chapter members must first submit their names to the Chapter Treasurer by June 15, 2011 indicating to which level of rider division they are applying, i.e., Third Level and below or Fourth Level and above. The application form will be available on the Chapter web site and will be published periodically in the Chapter newsletter. To be considered a current chapter member for the July 2011 drawings, the submitting rider must have paid their dues for the membership year by June 15, 2011.

Since no scholarship was awarded in 2010, all Chapter members will be eligible to apply for the scholarship drawing.

A random drawing will be conducted at the July 2011 Chapter meeting. The winners of the Scholarships will be presented with a Certificate that they can submit to the Chapter Treasurer to obtain their scholarship award payment when they need to pay for their scholarship activity. The winner must state with their submission of the Certificate what activity for which they will use the scholarship money so that the Chapter can keep track of the types of activities for which the money is being used.

The submitted riders will be segregated into the Third Level and below Adult member group, the Fourth Level and above Adult member group, and the Junior member group. Two names will be drawn from the Third Level and below Adult member group, one name from the Fourth Level and above Adult member group, and one name from the Junior member group. In order to win an award, the riders who submitted their names for the drawings **must be present** at the July 2011 Chapter meeting when the drawing is performed.