

SCHOLARSHIP RULES FOR 2012 and BEYOND

All scholarships must be authorized annually at the December Chapter meeting in order to assure that the financial position of the Chapter is adequate to fund such scholarships. The amount of the scholarships will also be established at the December Chapter meeting. The amount of the scholarships will be announced in the January issue of the Chapter newsletter.

The rules for the scholarships are as follows:

In order to qualify for a scholarship, applicants must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service for the Chapter separate from the hours earned for year-end awards. At least 4 hours of the 8 hours must be performed at the Chapter's licensed show in the same year as the Scholarship awards. The remaining 4 hours can be performed at the licensed show, or at any other VADA-CH program for which volunteers are needed. Any of the hours in excess of the hours earned at the licensed show each year can be earned at any time during the one year period beginning on June 16th of each year and ending June 15th of the following year. (Thus, for the scholarships awarded in July 2013, the hours not earned at the licensed show can be earned at any VADA-CH event beginning June 16, 2012 through June 15, 2013.) However, since this change is being implemented in 2012, the full 8 hours must be earned between January 1, 2012 and June 15, 2012 for the July 2012 scholarship award.

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 person running the awards program, who is currently Amy Gadsden, and must be received by June 15, each year for the scholarship to awarded at the Chapter meeting each July.

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.

If financially able, the Chapter will award 4 scholarships per year. 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 is established to follow the riding level pattern of the membership of the Chapter, in order