



## National Snaffle Bit Association Foundation Youth Scholarship Program

The NSBA Foundation provides financial assistance to members of the National Snaffle Bit Association in the form of scholarships. It is the goal of the NSBA Foundation to provide scholarship funds to deserving applicants who have a strong desire to continue their education as well as continue to develop leadership skills.

Scholarship selection criteria include academic merit, financial need, active involvement in the horse industry, community involvement, extracurricular activities, communication skills and demonstrated leadership ability. The scholarship amount shall be determined by the availability of funding and the number of applicants selected to receive a scholarship.

Applications open December 1, 2021 and are **due February 1, 2022**.

### **Eligibility requirements for the scholarships includes the following:**

- 1) NSBA member in good standing for at least one year and not over 19 years upon application
- 2) Completed 11th grade
- 3) Application for the scholarship must be made no later than the first anniversary of high school graduation
- 4) Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

### **Included in the Applications must be:**

- Current NSBA membership and membership ID number
- First page of previous three year's federal income tax returns (personal or parent/guardian)
- A copy of your official academic transcript to upload (grades 10-11 mandatory, grade 12 to extent available on date on application)
- A copy of your SAT/ACT exam results to upload
- Three (3) reference letters in one file to upload (all references must be unrelated adults, over 21)
- Copy of Identification (i.e. Driver's License, State ID Card or Birth Certificate)
- A digital photo, 300 dpi
- Completed answers to the all below questions

***Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria, in order of significance: financial need, academic merit, involvement in the equine industry and community involvement. All listed materials must be included in application. Failure to include all materials will result in application disqualification.***

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution and will not be issued to the student or his/her family. If awarded a NSBA Foundation Scholarship, it is the exclusive responsibility of the recipient to notify the NSBA Foundation office with the contact information for their school's financial department. If the scholarship awarded is a multi-year scholarship, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to receive funds each subsequent year. Scholarship funds are to be used primarily for tuition, books, and laboratory fees. The scholarship application and the supporting material become the property of the NSBA Foundation and will not be returned.

Questions and submissions should be directed to the NSBA Office:

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Email: [scholarships@nsba.com](mailto:scholarships@nsba.com) (847) 623-6722



## **National Snaffle Bit Association Foundation Youth Scholarship Program**

The following questions must be answered in their entirety in the online application in order for applications to be considered complete.

- 1) Please describe how this scholarship award would be important to you financially. Do you or your family have any hardships which are impacting your ability to pay for college? How would you propose to use this scholarship? (not to exceed 500 words)
- 2) Describe your high school academic goals and achievements. How did high school influence your choice of college and your proposed major? Please be specific. (not to exceed 300 words)
- 3) What are your ultimate career goals? How will this scholarship help you in achieving said goals? (not to exceed 300 words)
- 4) Describe your involvement in the equine industry. How has your involvement helped to shape you as an individual? This can include involvement in 4-H and Breed Associations. Please include any leadership roles you held (not to exceed 300 words)
- 5) What high school extracurricular activities are / were you involved in? In what ways did you give back to the community where you live? (not to exceed 300 words)