

# Scholarships Help Young Reiners



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## RHF BOARD PRESIDENT MARK A. BLAKE

It may be the midst of summer, but chances are a young adult near you is already thinking about the start of the academic year and how they are going to fund their post high school education. Thankfully, through the generosity of donors, the Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) is making an impact for a number of young people with roots in the reining industry.

Mike Hancock, chairman of the Foundation’s scholarship committee, coordinates with independent reviewers to evaluate scholarship applications submitted for RHF’s annual academic and need-based financial awards. Their job is not easy. Seven outstanding young reiners have been selected to receive awards totaling \$10,500 for 2018 including Nicholas Muir, Amber Edmonds, Morgan Knerr, Jarid Walton, Terri-June Granger, David Gringeri and Hope Hampton.

Applicants compete for \$10,500 in scholarships, including three \$2,000, two \$1,500 and two \$750 awards! A panel reviews the applications and ranks them using a points system similar to the NRHA judging system. The highest-scoring applicants get the most financial help. In addition to these scholarships, other opportunities exist through the Youth Team Tournament, the Varsity Reining Club and the CINCH NRHyA Speaking Contest.

Recently, a group of donors established the Dale Harvey Memorial Scholarship. The Foundation’s scholarship committee is working to establish an endowment for this new fund and award it in Dale Harvey’s memory beginning in 2019.

All scholarships are processed through the RHF, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. When you are approached to support NRHyA fundraisers like their raffle and silent auction, the stallion auction during the NRHA Futurity and the Buy A Pro program, you are providing support for scholarships and leadership development. Every dollar is meaningful.

Individual, group and corporate donations, memorials and honorariums are welcome. You can donate through the RHF text-to-give service or make monthly EFT contributions online. We even love those old-school donations: checks and cash.

There are many ways to help support young reiners advancing their education. For more information, contact Leslie Baker with the Foundation or Youth Programs Advisor Lerin Thomas. With your help, we can grow our scholarship efforts.

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